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OUTLINES.

The president of the court investigating the Maine disaster telegraphs Secretary Long that any reported interview with divers is untrue. ——The contract with the wreckers binds the latter to expedite the work on the Maine; they have reported to Captain Sigsbee and will act under his orders. ——A sharp debate on the Cuban situation was precipitated in the Senate by Senator Allen. ——The State Department discredits reports that Gen. Lee has warned Americans that it is not safe for them to remain in Havana. ——The Texas and the Nashville left Galveston to rejoin the squadron at Key West. ——Fire at Waynesboro, Va., destroyed the opera house, the Masonic lodge and other buildings. ——Havana correspondent of the Washington Star, says the probabilities that the disaster to the Maine was an accident seem to decrease with the progress of the investigation; intense anxiety is shown by Spanish officials. ——Gov. Russell denies the Hancock charge. ——The Wilmington Tariff Association incorporated at Raleigh. ——It is hoped to-day to settle the question definitely as to whether the ten-inch magazine on the starboard side of the Maine, forward blew up; a large quantity of clothing has been taken from the wreck; there are still 85 or 86 of the men missing, and it is doubtful if the remains of any recovered can be identified. ——The Spanish warship Vizcaya is still in New York harbor. ——Maj. Gen. Merritt, U. S. A., left New York yesterday on a tour of inspection of the coast defences south of New York. ——M. Zola, on trial in Paris for slandering government officials, was found guilty and sentenced to one year's imprisonment and a fine of 3,000 francs. ——Officers of the United States cruiser Montgomery, report that 14,000 people in the city of Matanzas are absolutely without food and clothing; the death rate averages forty-six per day; and the number of deaths from starvation in the province so far, is 59,000. ——Latest advices from Havana are that discoveries of the divers show that the Maine was blown up by some agency outside the ship. ——The Postmaster General has offered rewards for the arrest and conviction of the persons who burned the postoffice and murdered the postmaster at Lake City, S. C.; the office has been discontinued. ——New York markets: Money on call easy at 1½@2 per cent., last loan at 1½ per cent.; cotton dull—middling uplands 6½c; flour was quiet, owing to the firm views of holders; wheat—spot easy, No. 2 red $1.08¾; corn—spot easy, No. 2, 37¾c; rosin steady; spirits turpentine steady.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 24.

Temperature: 8 A.M., 30 deg.; 8 P.M., 43 deg.; maximum, 50 deg.; minimum, 29 deg.; mean, 40 deg.

Rainfall for the day, —; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, 2.97.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

A storm area is central over the upper lakes, with snow falling southeast over the lake region and the Ohio valley. Another low area is over Southern Texas, with light rain reported at Galveston during the day. A ridge of high barometer extends from Florida northwest to over Kansas, with highest over Florida and Colorado. Fair weather prevails generally under it, with rising temperature. It is decidedly colder over the upper Mississippi valley.

Local forecast to 12 midnight Thursday: Generally fair; warmer weather; southerly winds.

Port Almanac—February 24.

San Rises	6.40 A. M.
San Sets	5.48 P. M.
Day's Length	11 H. 08 M.
High Water at Southport	10.46 P. M.
High Water, Wilmington	12.26 A. M.

At this season there are about two hours of daylight in the Klondike, and that is mostly in the afternoon.

The most damaging thing so far published about the new Spanish Minister is that he parts his hair in the middle.

Cincinnati is disposed to put on airs and buck up to Chicago since one of her policemen has taken to highway robbery.

Mr. Hess, of Chicago, has struck on a grand idea to recruit the army and navy in the event of war. He proposes to enlist all the "original McKinley men."

With Mr. Dreyfus stirring up Paris, and Mr. Makenfuss taking the presidency of a St. Louis base ball club, there is no wonder that we have somewhat fussy times.

A too previous sheriff in Texas got ahead of the Governor and hanged his man before the reprieve arrived. The sheriff happened to have the last pull on him.

The recent rains and melting snow have so diluted the Schuylkill that it isn't killing quite as many people in Philadelphia with typhoid fever as it had been for several weeks.

Some men are remarkably perverse. An old fellow has just died in Paris at the age of 105, who fought under Napoleon and was discharged from the army as a consumptive.

Some widows set their caps for fellows they want to catch, but a Missouri widow set a trap for the fellow she caught. The trap was set for the thief who was robbing her smokehouse, but a neighbor walked into it, and she relieved him of his embarrassment by marrying him. Perhaps she thought he wasn't punished enough for fooling with her smokehouse.

The Philadelphia *North American* reminds the denizens of that burg that while they may be interested in discussing war problems, they should not permit themselves to lose sight of the pure water problem. In Kentucky they would never let a little thing like that interfere with their war fun.

They have the Klondike fever bad down in Texas. It is estimated that at least 2,000 gold hunters will go from that State. At Dallas in one day last week forty tickets to Seattle were sold and it is predicted that 500 will be sold by the 1st of April.

The Savannah *News* doesn't think Sam Jones has announced himself as an independent candidate for Governor of Georgia for mere publicity. The probability is that Sam wants some diversion and to add to the gaiety of the canvass.

One of the best stickers on record is Mr. Taylor, who has been a postmaster in his town in Ireland since sometime in the reign of George IV. He is also a merchant, spry enough to attend to business at the alleged age of 114.

A contemporary remarks that the American people seem to be lacking in poise. There are also some of the gentlemen who pose as representatives of the American people who are lacking in rigidity of the spinal column.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

The Light of the World.
S. W. Sanders—Knotty problem.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Wanted—High-grade man.
L. T. Bowden—Country produce.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. H. M. Yarborough, of Hamlet, is in the city.

— Mr. F. M. Orr, of Currie, was in the city yesterday on business.

— Mr. J. H. Montague, of Montague, spent yesterday in the city.

— Mr. S. L. Smith has returned from a business trip of several days.

— Mr. H. M. Leverage, of Wilmington, Del., is in the city on business.

— Mr. J. D. Wells, a well known merchant of Port Royal, is here on business.

— Mr. C. M. Leonard, a merchant from Shallotte, spent last night in the city.

— Mr. L. D. Cherry, county surveyor for Pender county, spent last night in the city.

— Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Sale have gone on a trip to Philadelphia, New York, and other Northern cities.

— Mr. A. M. Williams, of Pender county, was here yesterday on business with some of the city merchants.

— Messrs. C. M. and N. Sidbury and J. S. King, all merchants of Hampstead, Pender county, are here on business.

— Mrs. M. J. Dingelhoef is at home again after a very pleasant visit of several weeks to her son, Mr. J. H. Dingelhoef, at Winston.

— Mr. A. Weill returned last evening from Goldsboro where he had been to attend the marriage of Mr. A. Oettinger to Miss Edna Weill.

— Mr. Ira Cox, formerly of this city, who has been dangerously sick in Norfolk, is recovering and will be taken to his home in Jacksonville during the latter part of the week.

— Miss Abbie Chadbourn is in Newbern, the guest of Miss Agnes Foy. Miss Foy is pleasantly remembered here as on several occasions the charming guest of Miss Chadbourn.

His Brother Not In It.

It will be remembered that the STAR announced several days ago that Capt. R. A. Jenkins, of Salem, thought that the Lieutenant Jenkins who lost his life in the disaster to the battleship *Maine* was his brother. The friends of Mr. Jenkins here will be glad to learn that it now develops that such was not the case. Captain Jenkins' brother, Lieut. Thomas Jenkins, is now engaged in the revenue cutter service near Baltimore. The Lieutenant Jenkins killed in the *Maine* explosion was Friend W. Jenkins, who was a native of Maryland.

Arrived at Gibraltar.

A cablegram received here yesterday by Mr. George W. Kidder from his brother, Mr. Fred Kidder, announced the latter's safe arrival at Gibraltar on Mr. H. Walters' yacht, the *Narada*. The others of the party who are to take the trip on the *Narada* arrived at Gibraltar on Monday on the steamship *Roumania*.

Don't read this, but be sure to see Polvogt's store during this week; ten per cent. off. †

War with Spain and discount sale at Polvogt's the talk of the town. †

LOCAL DOTS.

— What promises to be quite an enjoyable impromptu dance is that in the rendezvous of Harmony Circle tonight. Members of the Circle and visiting friends will be in attendance.

— Messrs. J. A. Cavenaugh and Jacob Powell, of Long Creek, arrived in the city yesterday. Mr. Cavenaugh is superintendant of the Parsley Lumber Mills and Mr. Powell, manager of the commissary.

— Mr. D. O'Connor is having the damage by fire to the building near the corner of Second and Market streets repaired. It is the old Remson property and is now owned by J. R. Phillips of New York.

— Two marriage licenses were issued yesterday in the Register of Deeds office. Both were to colored couples. They were Leslie Middleton to Maggie Richardson and William J. Isler, of Rocky Point, to Lora J. Spells.

— The STAR is informed that the representatives of the Wilmington lodges who were in Burgaw yesterday, were treated with the most gracious hospitality. That is what the good people of Burgaw always dispense.

— Justice Fowler yesterday convicted Zeno Wortham, colored, of assault and battery and suspended judgment on the payment of costs. The original charge was assault with a deadly weapon, but evidence did not show such to have been the case.

— Mr. J. G. Premkert, advance agent for the Charles King Opera Co., was in the city yesterday en route for Newbern, where his troupe has an engagement during the Fair. He says it is possible that his company may give Wilmington a date somewhere about March 10th or 12th for a series of three entertainments.

— Yesterday there was a terrific head-on collision on Third street between two bicyclists. Fortunately neither sustained very serious injury. They only gave each other a forcible embrace. The bicycles were somewhat disabled. The names of the two young men are withheld at their earnest solicitation.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—122 bales cotton, 13 casks spirits turpentine, 34 bbls tar.

W., C. & A. Railroad—292 bales cotton, 10 casks spirits turpentine, 142 bbls rosin, 134 bbls tar.

Carolina Central Railroad—18 bales cotton, 6 casks spirits turpentine, 13 bbls rosin, 55 bbls tar, 14 bbls crude turpentine.

C. F. & Y. V. Railroad—96 bales cotton, 25 casks spirits turpentine, 230 bbls rosin, 50 bbls tar.

W. & N. Railroad—52 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine, 19 bbls rosin.

Steamer A. P. Hurt—2 bales cotton, 166 bbls rosin, 89 bbls tar.

Steamer Frank Sessoms—75 bbls rosin, 57 bbls tar.

Steamer W. T. Daggett—3 casks spirits turpentine, 20 bbls rosin, 3 bbls tar, 3 bbls crude turpentine.

Schooner Minnie Ward—3 casks spirits turpentine, 25 bbls rosin, 100 rosin.

Schooner Berta M. T.—6 bales cotton, 3 bbls tar.

Schooner Mary Wheeler—4 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine, 40 bbls rosin, 79 bbls tar.

Total—Cotton, 592 bales; spirits turpentine, 66 casks; rosin, 730 bbls; tar, 604 bbls; crude turpentine, 17 bbls.

A HOME WEDDING.

Marriage of Miss Lavina Curtis to Mr. Alonzo Rowe.

Last night at 8.30 o'clock, at the residence of Mrs. T. J. Macumber, 712 North Fourth street, a happy and interesting event occurred. It was the marriage of Miss Lavina Curtis, Mrs. Macumber's niece, to Mr. Alonzo Rowe.

At the hour named the bride, handsomely attired in blue silk evening dress, entered the parlor leaning on the arm of the groom. Just in advance of these entered the maid of honor, Miss Meta Seeders, with Mr. Herman Parker, best man to the groom. These formed a group before Rev. Albert S. Barnes, pastor of Market Street Methodist church, who impressively uttered the words which united the two young people for life.

The parlor was thronged with invited guests. Refreshments were served and everything done that would add to the pleasure of the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Rowe were the recipients of numerous and appropriate presents.

Damage $2.00

A fire alarm was turned in yesterday at 11:35 o'clock from box 18. It was occasioned by the burning of a chimney at No. 806 Swann street. A spark from it caught the roof, burning a small hole. The damage is estimated by the fire department authorities at $2.00. The building was owned by Mr. Harriss Yopp and occupied by Z. Howe, colored. The fire was out when the firemen reached the house.

To City Subscribers.

City subscribers are earnestly requested to report promptly at the STAR office every failure of the carriers to deliver their papers. In all such cases steps will be taken to insure prompt and regular delivery.

Given away—10 per cent. on all cash purchases at Polvogt's to March 1st. †

Come, come, come to Polvogt's and get ten per cent. off. †

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O. A. N. CLUB IMPROVEMENTS.

A Handsome New Carpet Put Down—Additional Literature — Memberships More Than a Half Hundred.

The STAR announced several weeks ago that Dr. Strange was contemplating several material improvements in the rendezvous of the O. A. N. Club and the announcement is now made with pleasure that several decided improvements have already materialized.

A handsome new carpet has just been put down in the reading room. It is of a soft shade and a lovely figure, imparting to the apartment quite a cozy appearance.

Then a number of new popular periodicals recently subscribed for are beginning to come in and the club has an excellent and well chosen nucleus for their library.

The club now has more than fifty members, and they are using their privileges with much profit. Dr. Strange is to be congratulated upon the splendid success which is attending his undertaking to provide for the boys of Wilmington pleasant club apartments in which Christian and homelike influences of a free and easy character are thrown about them.

THE CHICKEN DISPUTE.

Match Between Raleigh and Littleton in Progress About a Mile from Wilmington.

The series of cock fights referred to several days ago by the STAR as scheduled for yesterday and to-day were inaugurated on schedule time, and yesterday's fight was attended by quite a company of Wilmington and visiting sports. The scene of the fights is the club house of the Hanover Live Stock and Poultry Association, about a mile and a half from the city, and the match is between cocks from Raleigh and Littleton.

There were four fights in the main yesterday and about six hack fights. The main fights resulted in a draw, each side winning two points. The fighting commenced at a little past 10 o'clock and hacks and all continuing until late in the afternoon. A purse of $20 was staked on each fight, and had there been an odd fight it would have decided the disposition of another of $300. Of course both sides in both hack and main had plenty of backing outside the regular purses.

To-day fighting will be resumed at 10 o'clock and there are to be five or six fights in the main and a number of hack fights. Stakes to-day are to be about the same as yesterday.

Depositions Taken.

Depositions have recently been made before J. W. Sneeden, Notary Public, in a suit brought by Lewis Johnson, a Norwegian sailor, against the owners of the steamship *R. C. McQuillen*. Johnson was injured by the falling of a boom while at work on the vessel, and was taken to the Marine Hospital for treatment. And those who made the depositions before Notary Sneeden were connected with the hospital at the time, namely, Dr. R. D. Jewett, assistant surgeon, and Henry Myers, nurse. Charles D. O'Connell, Esq., of New York, attorney for the libellant, and Jacob B. Klein, of Bridgeport, Conn., attorney for the claimants, were present when the depositions were made.

Mr. W. H. Gilbert in Winston.

The Winston *Sentinel* announces that Mr. W. H. Gilbert late of this city will soon open a wholesale and retail hardware store there. Mr. R. B. Crawford will be associated with him as a partner. Mr. Gilbert will manage the business while Mr. Crawford will continue to devote his attention to an extensive hardware establishment which he has been conducting for the past two years in another portion of the city. Mr. Gilbert has been in Winston for some time, employed as a sales man in the hardware store of Brown, Rogers & Co.

Stole Chickens.

Deputy Sheriff R. L. Sellars arrested yesterday Geo. Fonville, colored, on the charge of stealing chickens from Dr. J. E. Kea. The chickens were traced to the store of Mr. John Tharp, corner of Mulberry and McRae streets, who said he bought them from Fonville. He added further that Fonville said he had a whole yard full of chickens. The alleged thief will be tried this morning at 11 o'clock before Justice J. M. McGowan.

Naval Reserves Will Go to Newbern.

The Wilmington Division of Naval Reserves will go to Newbern during the Fair, which begins there Monday next. It was understood that the trip would be made if as many as twenty of the members could go. Twenty-one have signified their intentions to go and there are five or six others who don't know whether they can get off or not. It will be a delightful trip, and one which the "tars" will thoroughly enjoy.

Lodge of I. O. O. F. in Burgaw.

A lodge of Odd Fellows may be established in Burgaw, as a result of the visit of the Wilmington delegation of that well known and popular order yesterday. Messrs. J. M. McGowan and G. G. Watts discussed the prospects for opening a lodge and found a strong feeling in favor of such a movement. A goodly number of the best men in the place expressed themselves as being in favor of establishing the lodge.

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THE LATE R. C. BOWDEN.

Funeral Yesterday from St. John's Church—The Remains Taken to Burgaw for Interment.

The funeral of the late Robert C. Bowden took place yesterday morning from St. John's Episcopal Church at 8:30 o'clock. St. John's Lodge No. 1, of Masons, formed an escort for the remains from the residence on North Fourth street to the church, and there was also a delegation from Wilmington Lodge No. 139, I. O. O. F. The pall bearers were taken from these lodges: From St. John's Lodge of Masons, Messrs. Z. E. Murrill, O. M. Fillyaw and William Smith; from Wilmington Lodge of Odd Fellows, Messrs. B. J. Jacobs, Wm. Simpson, and J. M. McGowan. The solemn services were conducted by Rev. Edward Wooten, assisted by Rev. Dr. James Carmichael.

At the conclusion of the services at the church, the funeral procession moved to the A. C. L. depot and the remains were taken to Burgaw for interment. Accompanying them, in addition to the members of the family of the deceased and to the pall bearers as named above, were Rev. J. W. Kramer, and Messrs. Jas. F. Woolvin, G. G. Watts and J. L. Bowden, all of whom were members of the order to which Mr. Bowden belonged.

At Burgaw the funeral was taken in hand by King Solomon's Lodge F. & A. Masons, who formed a procession at the depot and, followed by the delegation of Masons and Odd Fellows from this city, escorted the body to the Burgaw cemetery. The concluding services for the dead were read by Rev. Edward Wooten. The ritual of Odd Fellows for such sad occasions was performed by Mr. B. J. Jacobs, acting as Noble Grand, and Mr. J. M. McGowan, as Chaplain, while Mr. W. M. Hand, of Burgaw, acted as Master of the Lodge, in performing the Masonic ceremonies.

NARROW ESCAPE.

A Child's Head Grazed by a Ball from a Pistol.

Yesterday as Mr. T. A. Price and his 12-year old child were standing in the door of Mr. Price's residence, corner of Tenth and Meares streets, a colored boy passed on the street and fired a pistol directly toward them, the ball passing so close to the child's head as to graze the hair. Mr. Price ran into the house for his pistol, the boy in the meantime having ran off up street.

Very soon he passed back driving a dray, as though nothing had transpired. He proved to be James Jones, and drives for Mr. W. P. Oldham. Mr. Price arrested the fellow and turned him over to the authorities. He at first denied that he knew anything about the shooting, but being pressed owned that he fired the pistol, but did not see any one in the direction he held the revolver. He said he had put the pistol away.

Jones was given a preliminary hearing before Justice Fowler yesterday afternoon and committed to jail in default of a $50 bond.

To Newbern Fair.

For the benefit of Wilmington people and others between here and Newbern wishing to go to the Newbern Fair, the Atlantic Coast Line will run a special train on Wednesday March 2nd. It will leave Wilmington at 7:40 A. M., arriving at Newbern at 10:45 A. M. Returning will leave Mewbern at 4:50 P. M. and arrive at Wilmington at 8:00 P. M. Round trip tickets from Wilmington will be on sale for this train, including one admission to the fair grounds for $2.40.

Conductors will sell tickets from points where there are no agents, and passengers taking train without ticket at points where there are agents will be charged regular local fare.

The Defendant Appealed.

Cephas Finch, colored, was yesterday convicted of most fiendish conduct. On Saturday night, according to the evidence produced in Justice Fowler's court yesterday, the fellow attacked his aged mother, Eliza Canton, and mercilously beat her, driving her away from home. She went to the store of Mr. Tom Gore, on Water street, and asked for protection. Very soon Finch himself came in and began abusing her. He was ejected from the store. Justice Fowler adjudged Finch guilty of an aggravated assault and imposed a fine of $25. The defendant took an appeal to the Criminal Court.

Pastor "Pounded."

The heart of Rev. Albert S. Barnes, pastor of Market Street M. E. Church, was made glad on night before last by a liberal "pounding" from a number of his flock. He was busy at the time, as the night was the occasion of a meeting of the board of stewards at his residence, and he was taken completely by surprise. So numerous were the gifts, however, and so well chosen, that the surprise was the most agreeable that the minister could have asked.

Will Reach Egypt To-morrow.

Letters intended for Dr. Peyton H. Hoge or any of his party of tourists, mailed before March 11th should be addressed care "Clark's Tourist Office Jerusalem, Palestine." They are now en route from Malta to Egypt and are due to arrive in the latter country to-morrow. Their time until March 7th will be spent in Cairo, the Pyramids, Thebes, Goshen and on the shores of the Red Sea.

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THE LENTEN SEASON.

Ash Wednesday Observances—Announcements for Regiaur Services in the Episcopal Churches.

The Ash Wednesday services at St. James' and St. John's Episcopal churches were quite well attended yesterday, both at 11 A. M. and 5 P. M.

Both Dr. Strange of St. James' and Dr. Carmichael of St. John's Church have prepared programmes of services for the Lenten season.

At St. James' church there will be an early morning service at 7.30 to-day and an afternoon service at 5 o'clock. The same hours of service will be observed at St. John's church.

Other features of the programme of Lenten services at St. James' church are as follows: On the first, third and fifth Sundays services will be held at 11 A. M. and 5 P. M., and on the second, fourth and sixth Sabbaths at 7.45, 11 A. M. and 5 P. M. For the remaining days of Lent up to April 3rd, on Mondays there will be a service at 5 P. M. only; on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, services will be held at 7.30 A. M. and 5 P. M.; on Wednesdays at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M., and on Fridays at 11 A. M. and 5 P. M. Then the services for Holy Week—from April 3rd to April 10th—will be on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 7.30 and 11 A. M. and 8 P. M.; on Maundy Thursday at 7.30 A. M. and 8 P. M.; on Good Friday at 9 A. M., 12 M. and 6 P. M. and on Easter Even at 7.30 A. M.

The Bishop will make a visitation to St. James' on Palm Sunday. There will be confirmation lectures on Tuesday and Friday at 5.30 and 8.15 P. M. The Easter collection will be for missions.

At St. John's Church there will be daily services at 7.30 A. M. and 5 P. M. On Wednesdays and Fridays there will be Litany (additional) services at 11 A. M., and on Friday nights there will be a service at 8 P. M. On Good Friday there will be a 10.30 o'clock service—"the hours" from 12 M. to 3 P. M., 5 P. M.

St. Paul's Church, having no rector, will have services only on Sundays, announcements of which will be made from time to time.

MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION.

Board of Directors Meet—Committee Appointed to Procure a Charter—Other Matters Considered.

An enthusiastic meeting of the directors of the Merchants' Association of Wilmington was held yesterday afternoon. Possibly the most important business transacted was the appointment of a committee whose duty it shall be to procure a charter for the Association. It is constituted by the following gentlemen: William E. Worth, M. W. Jacobi and D. C. Love.

There was a verbal report from Chairman D. C. Love, of the committee appointed to co-operate with similar committees from the Chamber of Commerce and Produce Exchange in the organization of the Tariff Association. He, of course, reported the accomplishment of its organization.

Action was taken in a number of important matters pertaining to the well being and routine workings of the association, the publication of which is not deemed judicious just now.

The meeting was presided over by the president, Maj. W. A. Johnson, and Mr. P. Heinsberger, the clever secretary, served in that capacity.

A feature of the meeting was an interesting report from the secretary, showing a good bank balance to the association's credit.

The board adjourned, subject to the call of the president.

MEETING CALLED

To Consider Proposition to Hold the Inter-State Shoot in Wilmington.

A meeting was held last night at 8 o'clock at Mr. H. McL. Green's office to consider a proposition made by the Inter-State Association for the Encouragement of Trap Shooting, Pittsburg, Pa., to give their annual shoot in Wilmington. There was a good attendance of Wilmington sportsmen and the opinion was universal that it would be a good thing for the city and certainly most enjoyable to those who are interested in trap shooting to have the Inter-State Association hold the shoot here on May 25th and 26th.

Everybody who is at all interested in shooting, or in advertising the city, is invited to meet at the rooms of the Merchants' Association to-morrow night at 8 o'clock to discuss the proposed visit of the Northern trapshooters.

McCOLL YARN MILL.

The Best Paying Institution in the Pee Dee Section.

McCOLL, S. C., Feb'y 22, '98.

EDITOR STAR—The McCall Hosiery Yarn Mill is perhaps the best paying institution in the Pee Dee section of South Carolina. It has paid good dividends from the beginning and has never done better than it is doing now. The company is seriously discussing the building of another mill and preliminary steps are being taken. The new mill will manufacture yarn, but of a different kind. If built it will be very near the present one, and will be run by the same engines.

The McColl Manufacturing Company is composed of enterprising, progressive men, and I think it perfectly safe to say that with their wise and progressive leadership, the cotton manufacturing industry is but in its beginning in this live, hustling town.

Ten per cent. discount at Polvogt's this week. †

THE HANCOCK RUSSELL FIGHT.

An Almost Incredible Charge Made by Hancock Against Our Gubernatorial Failure.

IT IS INFAMOUS IF TRUE.

He Says Russell Offered to Retain Him in Office If He Would Commit an Assault and Battery on Josephus Daniels—Says He Can Prove It.

The following is the concluding portion of an open letter addressed to Gov. Russell by Robert Hancock after the removal of the latter from the Presidency of the A. and N. C. Railroad:

This, together with the fact that I was dependent upon you for my position, doubtless led you into the error that no requirement of yours however absurd or infamous would be disobeyed by a man bowed down by sorrow, a victim of unrelenting political malignity, blackmailed by personal foes. You have been disappointed. So long as your wishes could be obeyed without the sacrifice of my personal honor I was your servant, but when you delivered your ultimatum on the 13th day of January that I should make a violent assault and battery upon the person of Josephus Daniels, editor of the *News and Observer*, and retain my position, otherwise I should lose it, I felt that indeed you were trespassing upon sacred ground and I was compelled to decline to continue in a position purchased at so great a cost. I endeavored to move you to a sense of justice, because I was fully cognizant of the effect my removal must have upon the charges against me; but I have found that your selfishness has destroyed your sense of justice, and that gratitude is a sentiment unknown to you.

Subsequently I have received several messages from you indirectly, urging this violation of law in order, doubtless, that your private thirst for revenge might be satiated, and each message contained an assurance that this act would absolutely guarantee my retention in office; but, Your Excellency, I declined to be your unscrupulous tool, and however great the cost I am thankful that my manhood repelled the temptation even in my present unfortunate condition.

There is no one who knows me, Your Excellency, who will doubt my personal courage, and among my own people not one of my enemies will believe that I was ever afraid to vindicate my personal honor with any man; so a suggestion of cowardice will not help you.

In conclusion, I desire to say that in these charges I have used no names of third parties because I do not desire to injure those who are my friends, while at the same time they have acted as messengers for you; but if you deny that you suggested the outrageous alternative published in this letter, I assure you that I have full and ample proof to substantiate my statement.

ROBT. HANCOCK.

DR. E. PORTER'S ADDRESS.

At the Meeting of the Fruit and Truck Growers' Club.

A correspondent of the STAR, at Currie, N. C., writes as follows:

At a meeting of the Fruit Growers and Truckers' Club, held at Currie some weeks ago, an invitation was extended to Dr. E. Porter, of Rocky Point, to address the Club on the proper mode of cultivating the strawberry and of field trucking. The invitation was accepted and on his arrival to-day a very large crowd of those engaged in the business was present.

Dr. Porter was gracefully introduced, or rather presented, as Dr. Porter needs no introduction to a Pender county audience, by Dr. Lucas, president of the club.

For two hours the speaker held the attention of his audience through the power of his eloquence and the masterly manner in which he imparted his thorough knowledge of his subject. It was one of the most instructive and useful speeches ever delivered in this county. The doctor showed conclusively by the manner in which he handled his subject that he has devoted a great deal of time and labor to it.

Much information was gained from the address, and it would have been well if every farmer in the State could have heard him.

AN EARLIER QUARANTINE.

Will Go Into Effect On the First Day of April.

The New Orleans *Times-Democrat* says: "The Florida health authorities have received notification from the government that quarantine will go into operation a month earlier this year than usual, April 1, instead of May 1, and the State quarantine stations will be put in working order on this basis and begin the inspection of vessels from all tropical ports April 1. We presume similar instructions have been received by the other State boards of health, and that quarantine will be declared at all the Gulf and South Atlantic ports by April.

"This is done simply in the interest of greater protection against danger. While there is not the slightest evidence that diseases have ever got in from the tropics before May, it has been thought best to allow no chance or possibility of a mistake being made, and, consequently, instead of waiting for the hot weather, we begin well in advance of it. It is an additional precaution which shows how determined are the people of the Gulf and South Atlantic States that disease shall never force its way into this country again from the tropics."

Cheap Advertising.

If you wish to advertise at the lowest rates try the department in the STAR, on fourth page, headed "Business Locals." Situations or help wanted, articles lost or found, rooms or houses wanted or to rent, business opportunities, and many other short miscellaneous advertisements are taken for that department at one cent per word for each insertion. But no advertisement taken for less than 20 cents for each insertion.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

—80—
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BANANAS
PENNY APIECE.
FINE, NICE, YELLOW FRUIT.
Palace Bakery,
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Vollers & Hashagen.
WE ARE SOLE AGENTS FOR THE FAmous brands of 5 cent Cigars,
"Cuban Blossom,"
"Renown, Renown,"
"Cuban Blossom."
We are sole agents also for
"Stock's Best" Flour,
"Stock's Best" Flour.
Q. Q. Q. Q. Q. Q.
Q. Q. Q. Q. Q. Q.
No Flour superior sold in any market in the United States.
Prices and samples cheerfully sent. feb 6 tf

Some send to Cammeyer's, others send elsewhere for what they need in SHOES, while all can save themselves money by buying at home. We have Val. Duttenhofer & Son's Ladies' Shoes at the uniform price of $2.00, $2.50 and $3.00. This line is unexcelled. We carry Mundell's Children Shoes at $1.00, $1.25 and $1.50; besides many cheaper grades in all kinds. We sell a splendid line of Gent's Shoes also. We invite you to inspect our stock and WEAR OUR SHOES.
Respectfully,
MERCER & EVANS.
63½ steps east from corner Front and Princess streets. jan 22 tf

F. T. MILLS,
Wholesale and Retailer Dealer in
HORSES AND MULES.
Constantly on hand a full line of mated teams, Roadsters, Saddlers, general purpose and Farm Horses.
Full Line of Farm and City Mules.
One to two car loads received every week. All stock is guaranteed as represented.
112 and 114 North Water St.
feb 19 tf

"THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD
OR OUR SAVIOUR IN ART"
Cost over $100,000 to publish. Contains nearly 200 full-page engravings of our Saviour, by the great masters. Every picture is reproduced from some famous painting. Agents are taking from three to twenty orders per day. The book is so beautiful that when people see it they want it. The Hermitaige, Prado, Uffizi, Pitti, Louvre, Vatican, National of London, National of Berlin, Belvidere and other celebrated European galleries have placed their greatest and rarest treasures at our disposal that they might be engraved for this superb work. "FIRST GLANCE AT THE PICTURES BROUGHT TEARS TO MY EYES," says one. "Cleared $150 first week's work with the book," says another. "Some high grade man or woman should secure the agency here at once," says every editor, as $500 can soon be made taking orders for it." Nearly $10,000 expended on new plates for edition coming from press. Also a man or woman of good church standing can secure position of Manager and Correspondent of this territory, to devote all his time to employing and drilling agents and corresponding with them. Address for full particulars A. P. T. ELDER, Publisher, 273 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill. feb 24 tw

A Knotty Problem Solved.
WHERE TO GET THE
FINEST LENTEN DELICACIES.
Where? at
S. W. SANDERS.
Extra Delaware Roe Herring.
The finest, largest Mackerel ever brought here. Not cheap but so fat and fine.
A Big Shore Mackerel, 15¾c; just a little smaller, 12½c.
Fresh Eggs Every Day.
Have you tried City Sodas?
feb 24 tf THE UNLUCKY CORNER.

In Time of Peace Prepare for War.—You can't get a Doctor any time of night. You can't even get in a Drug Store. So buy a bottle to-day, you may need it to-night. Pyxis Croup Remedy is both pleasant and safe. It is not an experiment. Most Drug Stores have it. feb 17 tf

Administrator's Notice.

HAVING QUALIFIED AS ADMINISTRATOR of Council Simmons, deceased, late of New Hanover County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 17th day of February, 1899, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. JAMES W. SNEEDEN, Administrator.
This 16th of February, 1898. th feb 17 6w

PUBLISHER'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE MORNING STAR, the oldest daily newspaper in North Carolina, is published daily except Monday, $5.00 per year, $2.50 for six months, $1.25 for three months, 50 cents for one month to mail subscribers. Delivered to city subscribers at the rate of 45 cents per month for any period from one month to one year.

ADVERTISING RATES (DAILY)—One square one day, $1.00; two days, $1.75; three days, $2.50; four days, $3.00; five days, $3.50; one week, $4.00; two weeks, $6.50; three weeks, $8.50; one month, $10.00; two months, $17.00; three months, $24.00; six months, $40.00; twelve months, $60.00. Ten lines of solid Nonpariel type make one square.

THE WEEKLY STAR is published every Friday morning at $1.00 per year, 60 cents for six months, 30 cents for three months.

All announcements of Fairs, Festivals, Balls, Hops, Picnics, Society Meetings, Political Meetings, &c., will be charged regular advertising rates.

Advertisements discontinued before the time contracted for has expired, charged transient rates for time actually published.

No advertisements inserted in Local Columns at any price.

All announcements and recommendations of candidates for office, whether in the shape of communications or otherwise, will be charged as advertisements.

Payments for transient advertisements must be made in advance. Known parties, or strangers with proper reference, may pay monthly or quarterly, according to contract.

Remittances must be made by Check, Draft, Postal Money Order, Express or in Registered Letter. Only such remittances will be at the risk of the publisher.

Communications, unless they contain important news or discuss briefly and properly subjects of real interest, are not wanted; and, if acceptable in every other way, they will invariably be rejected if the real name of the author is withheld.

Notices of Marriage or Death, Tributes of Respect, Resolutions of Thanks, &c., are charged for as ordinary advertisements, but only half rates when paid for strictly in advance. At this rate 50 cents will pay for a simple announcement of Marriage or Death.

Advertisements inserted once a week in Daily will be charged $1.00 per square for each insertion. Every other day, three-fourths of daily rate. Twice a week, two-thirds of daily rate.

Contract advertisers will not be allowed to exceed their space or advertise anything foreign to their regular business without extra charge at transient rates.

Advertisements kept under the head of "New Advertisements" will be charged fifty per cent. extra.

Advertisements to follow reading matter, or to occupy any special place, will be charged extra according to the position desired.

The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

THURSDAY MORNING, FEB. 24, 1898

OUR MILITARY STRENGTH.

Yesterday we published an editorial containing an article from the Philadelphia *Ledger*, showing the relative strength of the navies of the United States and of Spain. This was interesting, in view of a possible war between this country and Spain. In the event it were a war with Spain, unaided by any other nation, it would in all probability be merely a naval war, for Spain would hardly have the temerity to undertake to make it a war of invasion, although some military idiots in Havana did sometime ago warn Americans that if they did not behave themselves and quit meddling with Cuban affairs and criticising Weyler, they would land troops in Florida, march through the country and make it hot for Washington. A good many of this kind have an idea that this country is yet pretty much in the condition it was when C. Columbus made his discovery, and that while we have a few towns on the seaboard, most of it is rural region, whose inhabitants never shot anything more formidable than a squirrel gun, and never shot at anything bigger than a squirrel.

But in the event Spain were to find allies among the European nations then possibly it might become not only a war on the sea, but also a war of invasion, which would make it decidedly interesting for us, and also for the invaders, especially the invaders. There is not the remotest probability of this, but still it would be interesting to know where the United States will get their soldiers in case they should be needed on short notice, what they have to recruit from, and how many could be mustered in quickly, and put in the field, say within thirty days.

Our military strength is divided into the organized and unorganized army. According to a report of the Secretary of War just laid before Congress, and based on the reports of the Adjutants-General of the respective States, we have an organized strength of 114,362—9,196 officers and 105,166 men, who could be called upon at once and who would respond promptly to the call. By States they are tabulated, as follows, as we find it in the New York *Sun:*

State.	Officers.	Men.	Total.
Alabama	252	2,236	2,488
Arkansas	224	1,796	2,020
California	299	3,610	8,909
Colorado	81	975	1,056
Connecticut	187	2,552	2,739
Delaware	47	411	458
Florida	94	1,040	1,134
Georgia	890	3,151	4,450
Idaho	40	468	508
Illinois	421	5,839	6,260
Indiana	205	2,670	2,875
Iowa	234	2,236	2,470
Kansas	110	1,353	1,463
Kentucky	120	1,251	1,371
Louisiana	197	2,496	2,693
Maine	98	1,247	1,345
Maryland	147	1,578	1,725
Massachusetts	339	4,815	5,154
Michigan	177	2,721	2,886
Minnesota	132	1,762	1,894
Mississippi	195	1,600	1,795
Missouri	158	2,191	2,348
Montana	52	580	632
Nebraska	95	1,063	1,158
Nevada	31	337	368
New Hampshire	115	1,190	1,305
New Jersey	343	3,954	4,297
New York	839	13,055	13,894
North Carolina	154	1,383	1,537
North Dakota	55	412	467
Ohio	415	5,589	6,004
Oregon	118	1,310	1,428
Pennsylvania	671	7,850	8,521
Rhode Island	155	1,160	1,315
South Carolina	464	2,663	3,127
South Dakota	63	633	696
Tennessee	104	1,592	1,696
Texas	284	2,739	3,023
Utah	75	505	580
Vermont	86	657	743
Virginia	216	2,523	2,739
Washington	82	655	737
West Virginia	100	865	965
Wisconsin	199	2,512	2,711
Wyoming	33	323	356

The Territories and the District of Columbia report as follows:

Arizona	50	489	539
New Mexico	63	589	652
Oklahoma	53	494	547
District of Columbia	184	1,137	1,271

This gives an aggregate of 9,196 commissioned officers and 105,166 enlisted men, or a total of 114,362 now in the grand National Guard, which would be a pretty fair sized army to start with on short notice.

In the event more were needed then we have the unorganized force to fall back upon which is thus officially reported:

States.	Men available.
Alabama	165,000
Arkansas	250,000
California	214,029
Colorado	85,000
Connecticut	108,646
Delaware	28,080
Florida	70,000
Georgia	264,021
Idaho	20,000
Illinois	750,000
Indiana	500,000
Iowa	294,874
Kansas	100,000
Kentucky	361,137
Louisiana	135,000
Maine	106,042
Maryland	150,000
Massachusetts	433,975
Michigan	260,000
Minnesota	175,000
Mississippi	233,480
Missouri	400,000
Montana	31,381
Nebraska	101,926
Nevada	6,200
New Hampshire	34,000
New Jersey	388,273
New York	800,000
North Carolina	245,000
North Dakota	19,937
Ohio	650,000
Oregon	59,522
Pennsylvania	878,394
Rhode Island	85,000
South Carolina	177,000
South Dakota	55,000
Tennessee	180,000
Texas	300,000
Utah	35,000
Vermont	44,164
Virginia	364,227
Washington	87,879
West Virginia	125,000
Wisconsin	372,152
Wyoming	8,000
Territories and District.	
Arizona	20,000
New Mexico	35,000
Oklahoma	50,000
District of Columbia	47,000
Total unorganized	10,301,339
Total organized	114,362
Grand aggregate	10,415,701

This list may not be altogether accurate, and possibly is not, for there is more or less variation in the States as to the available number of men based upon population, some States reporting more than others with larger populations, but it is near enough to accuracy for all practical purposes and to show what this country has to depend upon to recruit its armies in case of necessity. It astonished the world when our civil war broke out how rapidly both the North and the South put great armies into the field, and how a country, which had seen so little of war, and where the pursuits were those of peace, should so speedly be transformed into a great military camps, with the most superb armies of the greatest fighters that world had ever seen. What was done then can be done again, and even better with a united people and all Americans actuated by the same patriotic spirit, as they would be actuated if their country called. Seeing these figures, and knowing the military genius, and the fighting qualities of Americans, there is no one who will doubt their ability to take care of themselves on land, and there are not many who know the resourcefulness of the American people who will doubt their ability to take care of themselves on the water.

THE STATE COMMITTEE.

Yesterday THE STAR published the resolutions adopted at the meeting of the State Democratic Committee, at Raleigh, Tuesday, which was substantially about all it did, and thus far it acted wisely, in its harmonious proceedings, and in refraining from forestalling the action of the State Convention in such matters as would properly come within its jurisdiction.

It acted wisely and loyally in declaring the Democratic party of North Carolina a part of the national Democracy, also in endorsing the address of Senator Jones, chairman of the National Democratic Committee, and again in offering the right hand of fellowship to all white electors who will aid in the reestablishment of Anglo-Saxon supremacy and of honest government in North Carolina, to none of which any Democrat anxious for the success of the party, for the overthrow of the plotting, corrupt horde which are now disgracing the State, and for the peace and prosperity of North Carolina can object. We commend the committee for its prudent and sensible action.

MINOR MENTION.

The effort that Mr. Lovering, who represents a Massachusetts district in the House of Representatives, is making to secure a constitutional amendment authorizing Congress to regulate the hours of labor in the respective States, is about the daisiest piece of jug-handle paternalism that has cropped out since the paternalism business began. The superlative cheekiness of this is one of its most admirable features, because it is a Massachusetts idea, conceived for the especial benefit of the Massachusetts cotton manufacturers who are among Mr. Lovering's constituency. For these many years, ever since the high protective policy was entered upon, the New England cotton manufacturers have been playing the racket for protection against foreign manufacturers. They got all they wanted, or at least as much as they asked for, and now when they find their profits cut down, and a slack demand for the stuff they have been making they want not only the protection they have, but also protection from the competition of Southern mills, about which they are now complaining more than they are about foreign competition. The Southern mills can make goods cheaper than they can, and one reason why they can do so is because the hours of labor are restricted in Massachusetts by State law, and are unrestricted in the South, the result of which is that there are several more working hours in the day in the Southern mills than in the Massachusetts mills. Of course Mr. Lovering can't reach the cheaper water powers, cheaper fuel, cheaper raw material, &c., and the only thing he can attack is the hours of labor; hence his resolution. There is not the remotest prospect of its being seriously considered by Congress, much less being favorably acted upon, and if it were favorably acted upon there is not the remotest probability of the necessary amendment being ratified by the requisite number of States, for the selfishness of the movement is so manifest that there is no State outside of those to be directly benefitted by it, in whose interest it has been proposed, that would give it serious consideration. As illustrative of New England cheek, and the New England idea of paternalism, it is, however, an interesting exhibition.

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We have heretofore called attention to some of the measures taken to protect our seaport cities from attack by long range war ships. One of these is the big gun for throwing dynamite projectiles long distances, with which experimenting has been going on for several years. Some of these have been so perfected that they will throw a projectile charged with dynamite or other powerful explosive a distance of three or more miles, and with such precision as to fall within a few yards of a small floating target. When these projectiles explode as they do before they reach the bottom, they throw up immense geysers of water, sand, mud and rocks from the bottom and cause such commotion that any vessel within the radius of the disturbance would be twisted out of shape and instantly sunk. A dispatch of the 20th inst. tells of the casting of 16-inch breech-loading gun at South Bethlehem, Pa., Iron Works, which is to be put in position at Sandy Hook, N. Y. This gun is forty-nine feet long, weighs 126 tons and will throw a projectile weighing 2,300 pounds with a velocity of 2,000 feet per second. Its range will be not less than ten miles, with an extreme range of about fifteen miles. This is three miles further than the Jubilee shot in England, when the projectile travelled twelve miles.

TWINKLINGS.

— "Don't you think, after all, that woman's femininity touches and appeals to man?' Gracious, yes; my wife is always asking me for some thing."

— Greatest of Them All: "Wagner is not so bad after all." "Why?" "They say he has never written anything that can be whistled."

— "De preacher done prophesy dat de worl' comin' ter a end nex' Monday!" "Lawd! Lawd! En ter think I des paid a month's rent in advance?" —*Atlanta Constiiution.*

— George—"All these articles about the danger of contagion from kissing are very alarming, don't you think?" Dora—"M— yes; but we women greatly admire courage in a man."—*Pittsburg Chronicle.*

— Hair Restorer Needed: Lodger—"I wish you would put another mattress on my bed." Landlady—"Why, that's a genuine hair mattress you have." Lodger—"Well, perhaps it was once, but it's bald-headed now."

— The Real Reasons: Clearwater Cal—"What wuz Nugget Nuggins arrested for?" Panhandle Pete—"For not carrying' concealed weapons—when de sheriff tapped him on de shoulder he wuz totally helpless."—*Puck.*

"Saved Her Life."

MRS. JOHN WALLET, of Jefferson Wis., than whom none is more highly esteemed or widely known, writes "In 1890 I had a severe attack of LaGrippe and at the end of four months, in spite of all physicians, friends and good nursing could do, my lungs heart and nervous system were so completely wrecked, my life was despaired of, my friends giving me up. I could only sleep by the use of opiates. My lungs and heart pained me terribly and my cough was most aggravating. I could not lie in one position but a short time and not on my left side at all. My husband brought me Dr. Miles' Nervine and Heart Cure and I began taking them. When I had taken a half bottle of each I was much better and continuing persistently I took about a dozen bottles and was completely restored to health to the surprise of all."

Dr. Miles' Remedies are sold by all druggists under a positive guarantee, first bottle benefits or money refunded. Book on diseases of the heart and nerves free. Address,

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All druggists guarantee Dr. Miles' PAIN PILLS to stop Headache. "One cent a dose."

No morphine or opium in Dr. Miles's PAIN PILL CURE All PAIN. "One cent a dose." For sale by all Druggists. Change. je 25 ly sa tu th

Frank Sherwood was down town today, the first time since he had his tussle with cholera morbus. He says he drove thirty miles after he was taken, and never came so near dying in his life. After this, when he goes out in the country he will take a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy with him.—Missouri Valley (Iowa) Times. For sale by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

VALUABLE BOOK FREE.

32-PAGE BOOK ON HOME DRESS-MAKING GIVEN TO OUR READERS.

An Expert Dressmaker Tells How to Make Over and Re-color Old Dresses, Wraps and Other Clothing in the Latest Styles to Look Like New—Practical Instructions That Will Save Money in Any Home.

It is astonishing how little money and work are required to make fashionable, up-to-date gowns and wraps from last year's cast-off clothing, if one only knows how. Home Dressmaking is a 32-page book, written by an expert dressmaker, that gives pictures of fashionable dresses, wraps, and coats for women and children, and tells just how they can be made from old garments that are faded, unfashionable in color, or out of style.

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Send this with a 2-cent stamp to Wells, Richardson & Co., Burlington, Vt., and receive free, by mail, one copy of "Home Dressmaking."

The STAR has made special arrangements with the publishers to give the book free to any of its readers who send the coupon with a two-cent stamp to Wells, Richardson & Co., Vt. The edition is limited, and any one who wants the book should send at once.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Goldsboro *Argus:* The business of the Goldsboro tobacco market was brought to a close last Friday. During the past season the business of this market was unusually active. About 3,000,000 pounds of leaf tobacco was sold on the floors of both warehouses.

— Statesville *Landmark:* Mr. J. J. Sullivan is 76 years old, but he still has fighting blood in his veins. He says he will volunteer for a war against Spain, provided he is allowed to stay on land. He doesn't want to be put on water where retreat will be cut off if he finds it expedient to move.

— Fayetteville *Observer:* Osborne Lambert, the 19-year-old white youth, who murdered Engineer L. M. Bumgardner, of the Southern railway, in Henderson county last November, is at last in jail. For him over $800 reward was offered. He says he has not since the crime been more than three miles from his home. His mother and friends had aided him to hide.

— Greensboro *Telegram:* Buena Vista Lodge No. 21, I. O. O. F., of this city, is without doubt the largest and wealthiest lodge of any secret order in North Carolina. It has now one hundred and seventy-two members and owns in property and paraphernalia, money, etc., about fifteen thousand dollars. The lodge is still growing and the members take pardonable pride in the showing made.

— Concord *Standard:* A homicide occurred Saturday evening about two and a half miles from Bessemer at the Baker cotton mill. Perry Williams, a reckless character, but nevertheless a deputy sheriff, had been shooting promiscuously Saturday before he went to the Baker mill. There he had a quarrel with one named Samuel Tate over the closing of a door. They then had a tussle, in which Tate got the best of it. As he (Tate) turned to go back into the mill, Williams drew his pistol and shot him five times, killing him almost instantly. Williams was immediately captured and has been placed in jail at Dallas.

— Charlotte *Observer:* Mr. Hugh Boyce, a highly respected citizen of Sardis, died at his home there yesterday forenoon. —— Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Witherspoon's baby was vaccinated accidentally in the face under the left eye and is very sick. Its face is swollen so that the eye is entirely closed. The vaccination is taking just as though it were on the arm. Mrs. Witherspoon had been vaccinated, and the doctor thinks the child must have gotten some of the virus on its finger and scratched its face. —— W. W. Rae, who was sent to the insane asylum in 1868 for the murder of his wife while insane, and last year transferred to the criminal insane department in the penitentiary, was seen yesterday in the sheriff's office. Rea is now 64 years old. He is a man about 5 feet eight inches high, thin and very pale, with a scanty white beard, and clear blue eyes. Up to last year he was in good health. but during the State Fair he exposed himself and his health has been much impaired ever since. He remembers nothing of the trial he was subjected to in 1868 for the killing of his wife.

The need of a good Spring Medicine is almost universal and Hood's Sarsaparilla exactly meets this need. Be sure to get Hood's. †

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— The decision of the Supreme Court affirming the construction of the Tariff act which places a compound duty on worsteds of 12 cents per yard and 50 per cent. ad valorem is important. It will probably operate as a bar to the importation of this class of woollen goods. This may temporarily please the manufacturers of worsteds, but it will be tough on the men, women and children, who have been accustomed to worsted wear.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

——The rush of gold seekers to Alaska is calling into service all the vessels that can be found on the Northern Pacific coast or that can reach there in time to take a share of the travel. Many of these are old and in bad condition, and some are in charge of men who are not familiar with the dangerous waters they must navigate or the terrible storms that sweep over them. Already there have been two or three disasters, due so unseaworthiness or incompetency, and the prospect is good for many more.—*Philadelphia Ledger, Ind.*

——Mr. Sam Jones really ought to furnish the public with some key by means of which it would be possible to tell whether he is joking or sincere when he makes a positive statement. "I have, upon mature deliberation, decided to announce myself as a candidate for Governor of Georgia, with the assurance that I will not be the hind dog in the race," wrote he to the Journal the other day. Now the statement is made that he was only joking, in the interest of Col. Candler. Mr. Jones might preach a sermon on the ethics of joking.—*Savannah News Democrat.*

In a recent letter from Washington D. C., to an old friend, Major G. A Studer, for twenty years United States Consul at Singapore, says: "While at Des Moines I became acquainted with a liniment known as Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which I found excellent against rheumatism as well as against soreness of the throat and chest (giving me much easier breathing). I had a touch of pneumonia early this week, and two applications freely applied to the throat and chest relieved me at once. I would not be without it for anything." For sale by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

CASTORIA.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

IT WAS ON THE SQUARE.

The Rope Pulling Was Preceded by a Quoit Pitching Contest.

While Chick Hotchkiss had not been caught red handed, there was hardly any doubt that he had killed the Marston, and so the probability of his being drawn up to the overhanging bough of a tree was so promising that a thoughtful fellow named Parkins had already brought a rope.

"Seems to me," said Hotchkiss, "as you are mighty sudden, but I s'pose there's no such thing as gittin a fair, square deal out of this crowd."

"Chick," said Old Man Nettleton, who had shot two balls into Hotchkiss in the successful effort to catch him, "you know better. You know this camp always gives a man a show. You've allays said so before this interesting occasion. Now, we're goin to have a trial with a lawyer in it, an'"—

"What do I know about law or lawyers? How do I know you wouldn't do me out of my rights with one? I never seen a lawsuit."

Old Nettleton looked puzzled. "Boys," he said, "that's right. If Chick don't know nothin about law, there wouldn't be no justice in tryin him with a lawyer. What'll we do to insure that he has a square deal?"

"Poker," suggested Hendershot.

"You an him stan off an shoot it out," another said:

"I'll tell you what," Hotchkiss observed. "Le's pitch quoits fer it. If Nettleton wins, I go up in the tree. If I win, Chick Hotchkiss will resume his cordial relations with the rest of this population."

The idea was accepted as an inspiration, and a rush was made for Hawes' shop, where, in lieu of horseshoes, some wagon gear was pressed into service for the game, which to most of the men of Skillet gap was a boyhood memory. It was shortly apparent that the men were pretty evenly matched. Chick pitched for his life, and Nettleton for the honor of the settlement. Chick won the first game, and Nettleton got the second. The third was the deadly one. Finally, after having made several faulty throws, which allowed Nettleton to get a lead, Hotchkiss gathered himself together and made five successive double points. Nettleton had meanwhile got to 19 of the 20 elected as the game number. Chick at 16 pitched a "ringer" and was even up, but his second shoe went wild.

Old Nettleton advanced, measured the distance carefully with his eye, sent out his first iron and missed by ten feet. Then up in the air went the last quoit. It curved gracefully and settled over the peg, a "ringer." Nettleton had won.

"Come on, boys," said Chick cheerily. "I leave the camp knowin the thing was on the square. I might be tempted to criticise the luck of these proceedin's, but the justice was fair an square an a credit to all."

Then Parkins pulled.—Chicago Record.

The Grand Banks.

Gustav Kobbe writes an article, entitled "On the Grand Banks and Elsewhere," for St. Nicholas. Mr. Kobbe says:

The Grand banks of Newfoundland are the great fishing ground on this side of the Atlantic. Other fishing grounds near these are Western bank and Quiro, but all the year round you will see vessels on the grand banks. If you have ever crossed the ocean on a swift liner, you will have noticed that when about two days out you ran into a chilly fog. You were off Cape Race, N. F., crossing the banks. It is usually cold and foggy there, and in winter frequent gales and snowstorms add to the dreariness and danger.

Western bank is near Sable island, a long sandbar off the coast of Nova Scotia, and an ocean graveyard, literally strewn with wrecks. The English government placed a flock of sheep there because there had been instances of sailors wrecked on the island starving to death, but the sheep died. The island was too barren even for them. A herd of ponies was tried, and these hardy creatures flourished, but became in time so wild as to be unapproachable, and a shipwrecked sailor hardly has the strength to scamper after a wild pony. Now, however, there are several lighthouses and life saving stations on the island, and in the spring innumerable gulls nest in the sand and lay their eggs. In May it is not unusual for duries belonging to the Western bank fleet to get lost—at least for awhile, for the gulls' eggs are good eating during that month. I once asked an old fisherman if he had ever been on Sable island. He told me he had landed there once when he'd been lost in a dory.

"How did you get lost?" I asked.

"On purpose, I guess," he answered. Needless to say it had been in May.

A Bit of Human Nature.

The chemist's new assistant was on trial for a month, and at the end of the third week his master reminded him that he must hurry up and show his value, otherwise he would not be kept on. Although naturally sharp, the young fellow had not really had an opportunity to display his powers, but it came at last, and, strangely enough, on the very morning after the governor had given him the above warning.

A man walked into the shop, accompanied by a friend, who clearly was suffering tortures from the toothache.

"Can you give me a piece of cotton wool soaked with laudanum?" the former asked, and on receiving is asked if there was anything to pay.

"No, sir, nothing," replied the assistant.

The customer looked round for a moment, and then resting his eye on a box of toothbrushes, bought one, and then a box of fancy soaps.

"What do you mean, young man?" asked the chemist as soon as the two men had departed, "by not charging for the laudanum?"

"I should have done so," replied the assistant, "had there not been two of them. I know very well that his friend, after being obliged, would not care to leave the shop without buying something, and I was right, for he bought a 2 shilling box of soap and a 1 shilling toothbrush, which he certainly would not have done had I charged him a few pence for the cotton wool."

The young man had proved his commercial cuteness and, needless to say, was kept on.—Pearson's Weekly.

A Mother's Argument.

"The most to be regretted act of my life," says a lieutenant commander of the navy, "was a letter I wrote to my mother when about 17 years of age. She always addressed her letters to me as 'my dear boy.' I felt at that time I was a man, or very near it, and wrote saying that her constant addressing me as a 'boy' made me feel displeased. I received in reply a letter full of reproaches and tears. Among other things she said: 'You might grow to be as big as Goliath, as strong as Samson, and as wise as Solomon; you might become ruler of a nation, or emperor of many nations, and the world might revere you and fear you, but to your devoted mother you would always appear, in memory, in your innocent, unpretentious, unself conceited, unpampered babyhood. In those days when I washed and dressed and kissed and worshiped you, you were my idol. Nowadays you are becoming part of a gross world by contact with it, and I cannot bow down to you and worship you, but if there are manhood and maternal love transmitted to you, you will understand that the highest compliment that mother love can pay you is to call you 'my dear boy.'"

The Surprise of All.

Mr. James Jones, of the drug firm of Jones & Son, Cowden, Ill., in speaking of Dr. King's New Discovery, says that last winter his wife was attacked with La Grippe, and her case grew so serious that physicians at Cowden and Pana could do nothing for her. It seemed to develop into Hasty Consumption. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in store, and selling lots of it, he took a bottle home, and to the surprise of all she began to get better from first dose, and half dozen dollar bottles cured her sound and well. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is guaranteed to do the good work. Try it. Free trial bottles at R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store. †

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His Sacrifice.

"Darling," he said, looking down tenderly into the eyes of his bride, "I have often heard you say that there is no true love without self sacrifice. You have taught me this great truth, and now I am going to prove my love by giving up something that has been very dear to me for years. You know how fond I am of smoking. Well, dearest, I am going to abandon the practice, even though it be like tearing out my—my"—

At this point his emotion apparently overcame him, and he looked down at the sweet face, expecting to see there appreciation of his noble resolve, but he saw only a look of blank disappointment.

"What is the matter? Are you not glad that I am following your teaching?" he asked.

"It's not that," she answered, almost sobbing. "Never mind what it is." And she rushed from the room.

The self sacrificing hero smiled. He had learned from his wife's dearest friend that she had set her heart on buying him half a dozen boxes of cigars covered with lovely silver paper wrappers, with pictures in the middle.

And that is what gave birth to his noble resolution.—Pearson's Weekly.

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BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute		@	8½
Standard		@	7½
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams, ℔ ℔	12	@	14
Sides ℔ ℔	6	@	7½
Shoulders ℔ ℔	5	@	7½
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔		@	6
Shoulders ℔ ℔		@	5½
BARRELS-Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New York, each		@	1 20
New City, each		@	1 20
BEESWAX ℔ ℔		@	22
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	5 00	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	15	@	18
Northern ℔ ℔	18	@	23
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks	44	@	46
Virginia Meal	44	@	46
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle		@	85
CANDLES—℔ ℔			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	10
CHEESE—℔ ℔			
Northern Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream		@	11
State	10½	@	12
COFFEE—℔ ℔			
Laguyra	12	@	16
Rio	7½	@	10
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	15¾
Yarns, ℔ bunch	18	@	30
EGGS—℔ dozen	10	@	11
FISH—			
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ half-bbl	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ half-bbl	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	2 50	@	3 50
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel		@	5 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	@	10
Extra	4 35	@	3 50
FLOUR—℔ ℔—			
Low grade		@	4 00
Choice		@	4 90
Straight		@	5 25
First Patent	5 50	@	6 00
GLUE—℔ ℔	7½	@	8½
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bgs—White		@	48
Car load, in bags—White		@	47
Oats, from store		@	40
Oats, Rust Proof		@	45
Cow Peas		@	55
HIDES—℔ ℔—			
Green		@	6
Dry		@	8
HAY, ℔ 100 ℔s—			
Clover Hay	80	@	85
Rice Straw		@	50
Eastern		@	90
Western		@	85
North River		@	75
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	1½	@	1¾
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern	5½	@	6
North Carolina	6	@	10
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15	@	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed) ℔ M ft—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	18 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogshead		@	26
Barbadoes in barrels		@	28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads		@	27
Porto Rico, in barrels		@	28
Sugar-House, in hogsheads	12	@	14
Sugar-House, in barrels	14	@	15
Syrup, in barrels	12	@	15
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis	1 45	@	1 50
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess		@	12 00
Rump		@	11 50
Prime		@	11 50
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10	@	22
SALT, ℔ sack Alum		@	1 10
Liverpool		@	65
Lisbon		@	
American		@	65
On 155 ℔ Sacks		@	45
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ℔ M	5 00	@	6 50
Common	1 50	@	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Gran'd		@	5¼
Standard A		@	5¼
White Extra C		@	5
Extra C, Golden		@	4¾
C, Yellow		@	4¾
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3½	@	4
STAVES, M—W. O. barrel	5 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair	5 50	@	5 50
Common Mill	4 00	@	3 50
Inferior to Ordinary		@	3 00
SHINGLES, N. C. Cypress sawed			
℔ M 6x24 heart	7 50	@	8 50
" Sap	5 00	@	6 00
5x24 Heart	4 50	@	5 00
" Sap	4 00	@	4 50
6x24 Heart	5 00	@	5 50
" Sap	5 00	@	5 50
TALLOW, ℔ ℔		@	4
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon-Northern	1 00	@	1 00
North Carolina	1 00	@	1 00
WOOL ℔ ℔—Unwashed	8	@	15

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, February 23.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Market firm at 33 cents per gallon for machine-made casks and 32½ cents per gallon for country casks.

ROSIN.—Market firm at $1.20 per bbl for Strained and $1.25 for Good Strained.

TAR—Market steady at 95 cents per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market firm at $1.50 per barrel for Hard, $2.00 for Dip.

Quotations same day last year, Spirits turpentine, dull, 25½, 25c; rosin firm, $1.45 to 1.50; tar firm, 90c; crude turpentine steady, $1.30, $1.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	66
Rosin	730
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March 8, 1897. Samuel Pitcher, M.D.

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Commissioner's Sale.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, NEW HANOVER COUNTY. } Superior Court.

James W. Sneeden, Administrator of Mrs. Kate Brown, deceased, vs. Mortimer H. Brown et al.

By virtue of a decree made in the above entitled cause, the undersigned will expose for sale to the highest bidder for cash, at the Court House door of New Hanover county, on Friday, the 11th day of March, 1898, at 12 o'clock M., the following described lots of land in Wilmington, N. C., to-wit:

1. A lot beginning at the northwestern intersection of Second and Dawson streets, runs thence northwardly with the eastern line of Second street 66 feet, thence westwardly parallel with Dawson street 150 feet to an alley, thence southwardly with the said alley 66 feet to Dawson street, thence eastwardly with the northern line of Dawson street 159 feet to the beginning, being the eastern part of Lot 5, Block 45.

2. A lot beginning in the eastern line of Eleventh street 132 feet north of Princess street, runs thence north with said eastern line of Eleventh street 33 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Princess street 132 feet, thence southwardly parallel with Eleventh street 33 feet, thence west parallel with Princess street 132 feet to the beginning, being a part of the western part of Lot 3, Block 188.

3. A lot beginning in the western line of Eighth street 99 feet north of Campbell street, runs thence northwardly with said western line of Eighth street 33 feet, thence westwardly parallel with Campbell street 165 feet, thence southwardly parallel with Eighth street 33 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Campbell street 165 feet to the beginning, being the east quarter of Lot 4, Block 252.

4. A lot beginning in the western line of Eighth street 132 feet north of Brunswick street, runs thence north with said western line of Eighth street 66 feet, thence west parallel with Brunswick street 165 feet, thence south parallel with Eighth street 66 feet, thence east parallel with Brunswick street 165 feet to the beginning, being the east half of Lot 3, Block 282.

5. A lot beginning at the northwestern inter section of Ninth street and Swann street, running thence northwardly with the eastern line of Ninth street 297 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Nixon street about 200 feet to the line of the property of the Wilmington & Weldon R. R. Co., thence with the said line southwestwardly about 355 feet to a point in the northern line of Swann street 70 feet eastwardly from the eastern line of Ninth street, thence westwardly with said northern line of Swann street 70 feet to the beginning, being the western parts of Lots 2, 3, 4 and 5 and a part of Lot 1, Block 328.

6. A lot beginning at the southwestern intersection of Nixon and Seventh streets, runs westwardly with the southern line of Nixon street 33 feet, thence southwardly parallel with Seventh street 60 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Nixon street 33 feet to Seventh street, thence northwardly with said line of Seventh street 60 feet to the beginning, being the east end of Lot 1, Block 325.

7. A lot beginning in the northern line of Princess street 132 feet west of the western line of Twelfth street, runs thence westwardly with said line of Princess street 33 feet, thence northwardly parallel with Twelfth street 165 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Princess street 33 feet, thence southwardly parallel with Twelfth street 165 feet to the beginning, being the east parts of Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 188.

WILKES MORRIS, Commissioner.
February 8th, 1898. feb 9 1m

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A QUAKING RAILWAY

AT FULL SPEED WITH THE TRACK CURLING UNDER THE TRAIN.

Engineer Burn Relates His Experience on the Night of the Charleston Earthquake. Running at Fifty Miles an Hour When the Shocks Began.

There are few locomotive engineers alive today who have had a more thrilling adventure in a cab than the man who pulled a trainload of passengers out of Charleston on the night of the memorable earthquake. The throttle was wide open and the train was dashing down a long, steep grade at the rate of 50 miles an hour. The engineer had to reach a small station a short distance ahead and side track to allow an excursion train for Charleston to pass. The local was behind time and the engineer knew that 500 lives depended on his getting safely into the siding before the headlight of the other train hove in sight. Suddenly the earth shook, but the rumbling noise accompanying the shock was drowned in the roar of the speeding train. Without the least notice the track under the train began to quiver and move, while the locomotive trembled like a deer at bay. The engineer thought that the engine had jumped the track and was running along over the crossties. The train toiled on for half a mile before being ditched. Engineer Charles H. Burn was the only person injured, and he would have escaped unhurt had he jumped. He remained at his post, however, as if glued to the seat. His mind was so intent upon reaching the side track that he could give little thought to the earthquake. Mr. Burn gave The Sun correspondent his story.

"It was 9:35 on the night of Aug. 31, 1886," he said, "when I mounted the train in the railroad yards here and got orders to pull out to Summerville, 30 miles distant. The weather was hot, with not a breath of air stirring. My train started on time, but soon afterward we were delayed a few minutes. My orders read to side track at Ten Mile for a down passenger excursion train to pass. When I got to a point a mile and a half from the station, I found that I had only two minutes to make the run and have the switch clear for the other train. The chances were, too, that it would be on time, and I realized that I had a race against death. The track ahead of me, however, was clear.

"Every nerve in me was strained, for I knew what would be the consequences if I ran in half a minute late. I was in this condition and flying over the final stretch, with the throttle wide open, when the first tremor of the earth was felt. My first impression was that the engine had jumped the rail and was shooting over the crossties. I looked back once and saw that the coaches were following all right, but the next instant I knew it was an earthquake. The track under me was jerked to one side and then to the other. I looked ahead, and the bright glistening on the top of the shiny rail could not be seen. A second glance showed that the rails were moved out of their original position and were in the exact shape of a horseshoe. The engine would twitch and squirm, but it held to the rail, and the movement of the whole train was very much like that of a snake crawling over the sand.

"When I saw how the rails had contracted, I tried to stop the train. I applied the brakes, and immediately the engine jumped the track. It was like a whirlwind to me. The cab on the engine was broken off and the top of the cab was thrown 30 feet, bottom upward. Arnold, the colored fireman, went with it and had a close shave, but escaped unhurt.

"It is almost impossible for me to describe my feelings while on that rocking engine, speeding over rough track at the rate of 50 miles an hour. The speed was not slackened by the winding of the track, but the engine was flying to the right one second and to the left the next and getting over the ground so swiftly that it took all my strength to keep myself in by bolding on to the lever. The engine seemed to groan.

"When we were ditched, I was thrown into the soft mud and pinned down by part of the engine. Another shock came about this time, and it buried the engine lower in the loose sand. This made it harder for me, but fortunately I was not burned or scalded. The third shock came, and down went the engine again in the sand. I could not move a limb, and the heat from the furnace near me fairly made my skin fall away. A lot of frightened negroes came rushing by the train, running they knew not where, and I begged them to get me out.

"'Tain't no use, white man, cried one old fellow. 'Your time done up now, and we is all gwine down togedder. Goodby.'

"The earth continued to tremble during the night, or at least until 8 o'clock in the morning, when I was taken out of the wreck. I have been on the road for 30 years, but I never expect to go through another such experience as on that night of the earthquake. Nothing but the mercy of God saved me and the train."

The wreck of Engineer Burn's train occurred on the South Carolina and Georgia railroad ten miles from Charleston. At almost the same minute two other wrecks took place, and the only deaths were those of the firemen on both trains. At Horse Creek the heavy commotion of the water in a pond close by the railroad caused the pond to overflow and wash away the railroad. The train stopped soon after getting in. Engineer Reynolds swam out and landed high in the branches of a tree. The fireman in trying to reach a limb was killed.

The passenger train that left here early in the afternoon for Augusta, Ga., met with an accident between Graniteville and Langley. A large pond by the railroad track broke away and submerged the road under the train. The engine left the track in a jiffy, and in the smashup the fireman was killed. The train remained on the track, and the passengers escaped without a scratch. All along the road the rails were distorted into horseshoe shape, but the engine driven by Burn was the only one that went half a mile over the rough and winding rails.—Charleston Cor. New York Sun.

THE LOUPCERVIER.

Savage and Active, He Is the Terror of Smaller Animals.

"If the loupcervier, or Canadian lynx, were heavy and strong in proportion to his pugnacity and savage appearance, he would be a bad customer for man or dog to tackle," said the man from Maine. "As it is, it takes a sandy hound to do one up even if he gets him cornered, which is a hard thing to do. In point of fact, the loupcervier is a bluffer. He keeps himself pretty well in the backwoods away from the abodes of men, but when the hunter or lumberman comes unexpectedly on one the beast is by no means sure to run away. Though slight of build, the loupcervier is long legged, and when he faces a man, his eyes glaring yellow, his gray fur sticking out in all directions, his tasseled ears upright, with the ugly grin that shows his long teeth, he isn't the sort of creature that one would like to take up and fondle. If the man approach him, he will spit and snarl as if about to put up a great fight, and it is only at the last moment that he will give ground and leap away. Even then he goes no farther than he has to, sometimes darting up a tree or to the top of a high rock, where, ensconced on the defensive, the temptation is not great to follow him. In that case, if the man have a gun, of course the affair is quickly settled, but otherwise the loupcervier usually holds the fort.

"To the smaller animals on which he preys the loupcervier is a terror. He is quicker than chain lightning greased and is all over the woods at once. On the ground he skirmishes for rabbits and grouse, and in the trees he captures birds and squirrels, and, more frequently, the young in their nests. He is a deadly enemy to fawns left in hiding by their mothers when they go away to browse for a dinner. Sometimes, when pressed by hunger, he will attack a doe, dropping on her back from the limb of a tree beneath which she passes, but the results of the experiment do not always encourage him to repeat it, for it implies an experience in bareback riding that knocks broncho breaking into the shade. But in winter, when the crust formed on the deep snow will bear up the loupcervier, he, banded with several of his kind, will successfully hunt the deer, which wallow hampered in the snow. William Oakes, a land surveyor in Maine, once came upon a deer which had been pursued and killed by three loupcerviers. They had driven the animal into the top of a fallen tree, where, entangled among the branches, it was an easy victim.

"The loupcervier, as I have already implied, is not a cautious animal, and he is less difficult to trap than most other animals of the feline kind. Fast in a trap, he will put up his back and spit and hiss at the approach of his captor, but he is easily killed with the blow of a club on the head. He is not so tenacious of life as the wildcat, and a resolute dog that is game to face his teeth and claws for the first brief round will make short work of him. But for any dog not a thoroughbred the first round is all sufficient, his sole concern thereafter being a convenient line of retreat.

"A man firing at a loupcervier in a tree wants to stand well away, for if he venture within reach of his spring, with the report of his gun he may find the creature landed upon him, clawing at his face, and even if he wins he will be apt to carry souvenirs of the encounter in the shape of bites and scratches for many a day.

"With all their savage pugnacity, loupcerviers are sociable, playful creatures—among themselves—and often have been observed on moonlight nights in open spaces of the forest or on the ice of lakes, frolicking in groups, like kittens."—New York Sun.

Electric Protection of Safes.

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Train 4—Leaves Portsmouth 9:30 A. M., arrives Weldon 11:41 A. M., Raleigh 3:30 P. M., Sanford 5:05 P. M., Hamlet 6:53 P. M., Rockingham 7:39 P. M., Wadesboro 8:11 P. M., Monroe 9:12 P. M., Charlotte 10:25 P. M., Athens 3:45 A. M., and Atlanta 6:20 A. M. Connection at Weldon with train from Richmond and all Northern points. Pullman sleeper, Portsmouth to Nashville, Tenn.

Train 403—Leaves Washington 4:10 P. M., Richmond 8:56 P. M., Portsmouth 8:45 P. M. Arrives Weldon 11:10 P. M., Raleigh 2.07 A. M., Sanford 3:32 A. M., Hamlet 5:10 A. M., Rockingham 6:23 A. M., Wadesboro 5:54 A. M., Monroe 6.43 A. M., Charlotte 7:50 A. M., Lincolnton 10:30 A. M., Shelby 11.18 A. M., Rutherfordton 12:30 noon, Athens 3:15 P. M., Atlanta 8:50 P. M. Connections at Atlanta for all points South and West. Pullman Sleeper, Washington to Atlanta, and Portsmouth to Chester.

Train 38—Leaves Hamlet 8:00 A. M. Arrives Laurinburg 8:46 A. M., Maxton 9:05 A. M., Pembroke 9:31 A. M., Lumberton 9:53 A. M., Wilmington 12:05 noon. Connects at Hamlet with trains from Washington, Portsmouth, Charlotte and Atlanta.

Train 402—Leaves Atlanta 1:00 P. M. Arrives Athens 3:16 P. M., Monroe 9:30 P. M. Leaves Rutherfordton 4:32 P. M., arrives Shelby 5:55 P. M., Lincolnton 6:56 P. M., Charlotte 8:18 P. M., Monroe 9:10 P. M., Wadesboro 10:31 P. M., Rockingham 11:06 P. M., Hamlet 11:20 P. M., Sanford 1:02 A. M., Raleigh 2:18 A. M., Weldon 4:55 A. M., Portsmouth 7:28 A. M., Richmond 6:18 A. M., Washington 12:31 noon. Pullman Sleepers, Atlanta to Washington and Chester to Portsmouth.

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Leave Fayetteville	12 18 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction	12 35 "
Leave Sanford	1 48 "
Leave Climax	3 47 "
Arrive Greensboro	4 20 "
Leave Greensboro	4 30 "
Leave Stokesdale	5 17 "
Leave Walnut Cove	5 47 "
Leave Rural Hall	6 15 "
Arrive Mt. Airy	7 45 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 1 Daily.
Leave Mt. Airy	8 40 A. M.
Leave Rural Hall	10 04 "
Leave Walnut Cove	10 33 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 06 "
Arrive Greensboro	11 55 "
Leave Greensboro	12 17 P. M.
Leave Climax	12 45 "
Leave Sanford	2 36 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction	3 35 "
Arrive Fayetteville	4 00 "
Leave Fayetteville	4 10 "
Arrive Wilmington	7 20 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 4 Daily.
Leave Bennettsville	8 00 A. M.
Arrive Maxton	9 02 "
Leave Maxton	9 07 "
Leave Red Springs	9 35 "
Leave Hope Mills	10 30 "
Arrive Fayetteville	10 40 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 3 Daily.
Leave Fayetteville	4 50 P. M
Leave Hope Mills	5 07 "
Leave Red Springs	5 43 "
Arrive Maxton	6 11 "
Leave Maxton	6 15 "
Arrive Bennettsville	7 15 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 16 Mixed Daily Ex. Sunday.
Leave Ramseur	6 40 A. M
Leave Climax	8 30 "
Arrive Greensboro	9 17 "
Leave Greensboro	9 35 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 07 "
Arrive Madison	11 55 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 15 Mixed Daily Ex. Sunday.
Leave Madison	12 35 P. M
Leave Stokesdale	1 25 "
Arrive Greensboro	2 45 "
Leave Greensboro	3 15 "
Leave Climax	4 25 "
Arrive Ramseur	6 10 "

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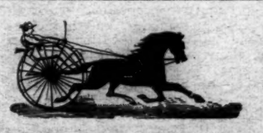
Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad
Time Table No. 3.

To Take Effect Sunday, Nov. 28, 1897, at 12 M.

GOING EAST. Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	3 40	Goldsboro	11 05	.....
.....	4 32	Kinston	10 12	.....
3 35	3 45	Newbern	9 57	9 10
6 57	7 09	Morehead City	7 42	7 47
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.
jan 1 tf S. L. DILL, Sup't.



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Schedule in Effect February 14, 1898

DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND.

DAILY 9.35 A. M. No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.02 A. M., Warsaw 11.15 A. M., Goldsboro 12.05 A. M., Wilson 12.55 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.40 P. M., Tarboro 2.45 P. M., Weldon 4.33 P. M., Petersburg 5.23 P. M., Richmond 7.15 P. M., Norfolk 6.05 P. M., Washington 11.30 P. M. Baltimore 1.06 A. M., Philadelphia 3.50 A. M., New York 6.53 A. M., †Boston 8.00 P. M.

DAILY 7.15 P. M No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.55 P. M., Warsaw 9.10 P. M., Goldsboro 10.10 P. M., Wilson 11.06 P. M., †Tarboro 6.45 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.57 P. M., Weldon 1.42 A. M., †Norfolk 10.30 A. M., Petersburg 3.14 A. M., Richmond 4.00 A. M., Washington 7.41 A. M., Baltimore 9.06 A. M., Philadelphia 11.25 A. M., New York 2.03 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 2.25 P. M. No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.13 P. M., Newbern 5.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 4.00 P. M. No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 5.09 P. M., Chadbourn 5.41 P. M., Marion 6.43 P. M., Florence 7.25 P. M., Sumter 9.10 P. M., Columbia 10.30 P. M., Denmark 6.19 A. M., Augusta 7.55 A. M., Macon 11.15 A. M., Atlanta 12.25 P. M., Charleston 10.50 P. M., Savannah 1.50 A. M., Jacksonville 7.30 A. M., St. Augustine 10.30 A. M., Tampa 5.35 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.50 P. M. No. 49—Passenger—Leave †Boston 1.00 P. M., †New York 9.00 P. M., Philadelphia 12.05 A. M., Baltimore 2.50 A. M., Washington 4.30 A. M., Richmond 9.05 A. M., Petersburg 10.08 A. M., Norfolk 8.40 A. M., Weldon 11.59 A. M., Tarboro 12.12 P. M., Rocky Mount 12.47 P. M., Wilson 2.37 P. M., Goldsboro 3.20 P. M., Warsaw 4.11 P. M., Magnolia 4.34 P. M.

DAILY 9.30 A. M. No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.30 A. M., Philadelphia 12.09 P. M., Baltimore 2.25 P. M., Washington 4.46 P. M., Richmond 7.30 P. M., Petersburg 8.12 P. M., †Norfolk 2.30 P. M., Weldon 9.48 P. M., †Tarboro 6.01 P. M., Rocky Mount 5.40 A. M. Leave Wilson 6.22 A. M., Goldsboro 7.01 A. M., Warsaw 7.53 A. M., Magnolia 8.05 A. M.

DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9.00 A. M., Jacksonville 10.36 A. M.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.20 P. M. No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.10 A. M., Sanford 3.27 P. M., Jacksonville 7.40 P. M., Savannah 1.45 A. M., Charleston 6.33 A. M., Columbia 6.45 A. M., Atlanta 8.30 A. M. Macon 9.00 A. M., Augusta 2.30 P. M., Denmark 4.25 P. M., Sumter 8.12 A. M., Florence 9.58 A. M., Marion 10.36 A. M., Chadbourn 11.38 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 1909. P. M.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3.55 P. M., Halifax 4.30 P. M.; arrive Scotland Neck 5.30 P. M., Greenville 6.57 P. M., Kinston 7.55 P. M. Returning leaves Kinston 7.50 A. M., Greenville 8.59 A. M.; arriving Halifax at 11.18 A. M., Weldon 11.33 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.30 A. M. and 2.30 P. M.; arrive Parmele 9.10 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.; returning leaves Parmele 9.35 A. M. and 6.30 P. M.; arrives Washington 11.00 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Daily except Sunday

Train 3 leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 P. M.; Sunday, 4.15 P. M.; arrives Plymouth 7.40 P. M. and 6.10 P. M. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7.50 A. M. and Sunday 9.00 A. M.; arrive Tarboro 10.05 A. M. and 11.00 A. M.

Train on Midland N. C. Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7.10 A. M.

The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

THURSDAY MORNING, FEB. 24, 1898

RUSSELL DENIES HANCOCK'S CHARGE.

The Governor Says Emphatically That He Never Made Any Such Statement.

OTHER NEWS FROM RALEIGH.

Wilmington Tariff Association Incorporated—John W. Graham to Succeed Smith as Commissioner of Agriculture.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 23.

It is said that John W. Graham will succeed John R. Smith as Commissioner of Agriculture. The Governor is determined to bounce John R. He will be ousted in a few weeks.

Mr. R. V. La Daw, the inspector of Federal prisons, who came here to inquire into the advisability of making the penitentiary here a Federal prison for all Southern convicts of the United States government, has made his report. Mr. La Daw reports that the building is a splendid one, and that the accommodations are ample. The report is altogether favorable and it is almost certain that the penitentiary will be made a Federal prison. The scheme only requires the approval of the Attorney General of the United States.

The average number of Southern convicts in Federal prisons is 200. Extra cells will be put in the large penitentiary building, half of which is only occupied. The State cannot move the Federal prisoners from the walls of the prison. The Government is to pay the State for the keeping of each convict.

Sam Daniels, one of the thirty-year convicts who escaped from the Halifax farm a few weeks since, in company with three other long-term convicts, has voluntarily surrendered. Daniels grew tired of the bushes. He wrote the Governor through his counsel, J. C. L. Harris, to know if by surrendering himself he would get his sentence reduced. The Governor refused to treat with Daniels in the bushes. Monday he came up and surrendered himself.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

The Governor denies emphatically Hancock's charge. He says he never made any such statement.

The Secretary of State has incorporated the Wilmington Tariff Association for a term of thirty years, with a capital stock not to exceed ten thousand dollars. The incorporators are J. A. Taylor, Marcus W. Jacobi, C. W. Worth, J. R. Arringdale and C. E. Borden. The object of the Association is to settle rates of transportation with common carriers.

SPANISH WARSHIP VIZCAYAS.

Still In New York Harbor—Denial of Sensational Reports.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 23.—Sensational reports that the Vizcaya's officers had ordered that coal be taken aboard in haste, and that men have been kept at work day and night in this service, were authoritatively denied to-day. On the contrary, no more dispatch has been used in coaling than is usual, and no efforts will be made to complete the loading of the 900 tons required by the cruiser, before to-morrow.

It was learned at the Spanish consulate that Captain Eulate had received no sailing orders.

He was ordered, before leaving Las Palmas, to spend one week in American waters before sailing for Havana, and up to this time has received no instructions conflicting with this order.

NORFOLK, November 29.—Although reported ready for sea at noon to-day, the monitor Terror is still lying at the dock awaiting orders. She will not leave to-night, possibly not for some days. It is believed the change in the Vizcaya's plans has resulted in a change in those of the Terror. The torpedo boat Winslow will be ready for sea by Monday, and the Foote in a week.

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ACTIVITY AT FORT THOMAS.

Troops Under Special Discipline With Extra Drilling.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CINCINNATI, O., February 27.—There has been much activity at Fort Thomas, in Kentucky, for some days. While all the troops were under special discipline with extra drilling, Col. Cochrane, the commandant, and other officers, refused to be interviewed. To-day the troops were supplied with 150 rounds each.

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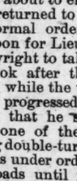

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Boiler Explosion Theory Exploded—Spontaneous Combustion Discussed. Wreckers and Divers at Work The Court of Inquiry.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, February 23.—The arrival of a mail in Washington from Key West this afternoon bringing several private letters from naval officers, lately attached to the Maine, caused a wave of excitement at the departments and the capitol, for there were all sorts of rumors as to the contents of the letters, very few of which rumors in point of fact had any sound basis. The only feature so far as could be discovered of real importance as throwing light on the cause of the explosion, contained in the letters, was the statement that the two after-boilers, in the after-boiler space, were all of the eight boilers of the Maine that were under steam at the time of the explosion. This fact had a negative value, for it disposed at once of the theory that any exploding boiler had caused the wreck. The experts all say that by no possibility could the after-boiler explosion have wrecked the forepart of the Maine and left the after-part almost unharmed.

As to Raising the Wreck.

Much interest was shown in a dispatch received shortly before 3 o'clock from Admiral Sicard giving the recommendation of Captain Sampson, of the Court of Inquiry, as to the raising of the wreck. The view of naval officers was that Captain Sampson and his associates were giving this advice not as a court but as officers in a position to speak as to the best methods to be adopted for raising the Maine. Various interpretations were put on the expression "forward half completely destroyed." This was regarded as a partial confirmation of the theory that the forward magazine had exploded, and that is one of the most important portions of the forward half of the ship. At the same time it was held by some naval authorities that the destruction of the forward half of the ship did not necessarily mean that the forward magazine had exploded, as this might be still intact, although a part of the general wreckage. In the absence of an explicit statement as to the forward magazine there was a disposition not to accept any implied statement as to its destruction.

Contract with Wreckers.

Captain Sampson's recommendation that a contract be made with the best equipped wrecking company to remove material and lift the ship without delay was in line with the action already taken in closing a contract with the two largest wrecking concerns in the country, by which their combined facilities will be at the service of the government. The contract contains a clause binding the wreckers to use their utmost efforts to expedite the work, so that the department feels that everything has been done to carry out the views expressed by Captain Sampson. A clause of the contract itemizes the amounts to be paid for each branch of wrecking work, viz: Wrecking tug Underwriter, $150; wrecking steamer Jones, $200; lighter Seymour, $75; derrick Chief, $75; barge Lone Star, $50; wrecking tug Right Arm, $200; wreckmaster, $15; wreckers, $4.50 each; divers, $30 each per day.

The Court of Inquiry.

Evidently the president of the Court of Inquiry is fearful of the effect upon the public of ill-judged attempts to account for the destruction of the Maine, for to-day he telegraphed Secretary Long, doubtless having in mind certain publications of this morning, as follows:

"HAVANA, February 23.—Any reported interview with divers untrue. Every precaution has been taken. Officer always present."

This brief statement disposes of all the allegations that have been made pro and con as to the blowing up of the forward magazines.

Spontaneous Combustion Theory.

The officers here are still thinking of Capt. Sigsbee's request of yesterday to be furnished with the plans of the Maine's section through the magazines and coal bunker-pockets. The reference to the latter is particularly interesting and leads to a desire to be informed on the exact quantity and quality of the supply at the time of the explosion. It is said that these bunker-pockets are rarely emptied, being designed as much for the protection of the ship against gunshots as for capacity to hold coal. One expert said that these bunkers in his own experience have not been emptied in months. All of this has to do with the spontaneous combustion theory, as the bunkers abut on the magazines and might have set off even the safe brown powder, if the latter were exposed to a degree of heat above 600 degrees for some time. The request may show that Capt. Sigsbee is not yet satisfied as to the cause of the explosion, notwithstanding the expressions that have been attributed to him by unauthorized persons.

One of the private letters received here to-day, in speaking of the disaster, says it was all over in five minutes. The writer was ashore and heard the noise. He hastily took a boat and started for the Maine, arriving there in about twenty-five minutes. Then all was quiet and smooth. and in fact, as he said, in five minutes after the blast the Maine was in about her present condition.

Some solicitude was expressed at the Navy Department over the report of Admiral Sicard's health. It is said, however, that there was no occasion for relieving him now; that the flagship New York is not to leave Key West, and even if she should Captain Sampson or Captain Taylor can assume charge of the squadron while the Admiral takes the two weeks leave to recuperate from his malarial fever which he was about to enjoy when he voluntarily returned to his place.

A formal order was made out this afternoon for Lieutenant Commander Wainwright to take station at Havana and look after the government's interests, while the work of raising the Maine progressed. It has been arranged that he shall be subsisted on board one of the wrecking steamers. The big double-turreted monitor Terror remains under orders to stay in Hampton Roads until further notice. It is likely that she will be sent to take the place of the Maine in the North Atlantic squadron, if not needed elsewhere immediately. The officials, however, are loath to encumber the battleships and speedier craft with the Terror as she might retard the execution of manœuvres.

Havana Advices.

HAVANA, February 23.—The United States court of inquiry into the loss of the Maine met this morning at 10 o'clock and examined Dr. Honeberger, Paymaster Ray and Chief Engineer Howell, of the battleship. There was a recess ordered at noon and it lasted until 1.30 P. M. Several witnesses, whose names are not now obtainable, were examined during the afternoon.

Another visit was made to the wreck by Captain Sampson, president of the court. The captain says he has no idea of the length of time the court will remain in session here. It all depends upon the testimony, and new features requiring further investigation may be developed at any time.

Captain Sampson added that sooner or later every survivor of the Maine will be examined by the court, which seems to imply that sessions for that purpose will be held at Key West.

Although this information is meagre, it is absolutely all that Captain Sampson will give to the press. The correspondent of the Associated Press sees him by appointment twice daily, but there is a rigid rule to observe silence until the facts in the case have developed through the testimony presented.

The Wreckers and Divers.

The Right Arm, of the Merritt and Chapman Derrick and Wrecking Company, is moored about 200 yards from the poop of the Maine. The wrecking tug looks powerful enough to move a mountain, yet it is reported that she is not supplied, owing to her hurried departure for this port, with all the apparatus she needs for the work which is before her.

Captain McGee, the commander of the Right Arm, has reported to Captain Sigsbee, as ordered by the Navy Department, and will now act under Captain Sigsbee's orders, which are not yet formulated, or at least, are not made known.

Consul General Lee.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Gen. Lee in the course of friendly talk in Havana with Americans may have expressed the view that there are at present other places more desirable as resorts for persons who have no particular business there than Havana, but the State Department authorizes the announcement that it has not yet been advised that he has either officially or semi-officially delivered himself of any expression on the subject. The Spanish legation also discredits reports that General Lee has given any such warning.

It is also said at the department that no message has been conveyed to the owners of American vessels at New Orleans or elsewhere that it would not be safe for them to visit Cuban ports at this time.

The Battleship Texas

and the gunboat Nashville will leave Galveston, Texas, to day for Key West, where they will rejoin the other vessels of Admiral Sicard's squadron at that point. No orders for this movement were sent by the Navy Department, as it is stated that it is in accordance with the orders given several weeks ago by which the two ships were directed to remain at Galveston from the 17th to the 23rd inst., to participate in the Mardi Gras celebration there and return to Key West on the latter. This was before the Maine disaster, so that the present movement is said to have no possible significance with the recent occurrence.

The noon mail brought to Secretary Long a letter from Admiral Sicard at Key West. The Admiral wrote that he has not yet recovered his health and will be unable to go to sea with the squadron. He will remain on shore at his hotel in Key West and retain command of the squadron from that place so long as it remains in harbor there, relinquishing it only when it becomes necessary for the vessels to go to sea as a squadron.

Should the squadron be obliged to go to sea with the Admiral ill at Key West, and the senior officer of his fleet, Captain Sampson, engaged in the investigation at Havana, probably the command of the squadron would devolve upon Captain Taylor, now commanding the battleship Massachusetts, and commonly regarded as one of the brightest and brainest officers in the naval service.

Simultaneous with the departure of the Texas and Nashville from Galveston for Key West, the Marblehead will leave New Orleans and the Detroit will leave Mobile for Key West. These movements are also a part of the orders given early this month, before the Maine disaster. The Montgomery is also due at Key West, having left San Domingo for Key West on the sixteenth.

The result will be to bring together again the large number of vessels under Admiral Sicard at Key West and the immediate vicinity. These will be the New York, now at Tortugas, the Indiana, Massachusetts, Texas, Iowa, Marblehead, Detroit, Nashville, Montgomery, Ericsson and Cushing.

The torpedo boats Porter and Dupont are in dry dock at Mobile, and are not expected to be ready to go to Key West for several days. The Brooklyn is also cruising in the West Indies, at present en route from St. Thomas to Vera Cruz.

Telegram From Sicard.

Secretary Long received the following telegram from Admiral Sicard:

"*Key West, February 23.*—Long, Secretary of the Navy: Right Arm arrived at Havana this morning. Capt. Magee seems to be an experienced man who will be able to give good advice. Capt. Sampson wires me condition of wreck is such as to require most powerful appliances the government can secure. Court recommends contract with best equipped wrecking company to remove material and lift ship without delay. Forward half completely destroyed, after half apparently intact except in minor matters."

Sensational Reports

having been circulated that Senator Hanna had expressed the belief that a conflict between the United States and Spain was imminent, the attention of the Senator was called to them. He emphatically denied them, saying: "I do not believe there is anything in the Maine incident or in our relations to Spain regarding Cuba that will lead to war. I am firmly of the opinion that the explosion of the Maine was due to accident, and I think that the naval court of inquiry will reach the same conclusion."

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 23.—The *Evening Star* has received the following from its staff correspondent in Cuba.

HAVANA, via Key West, Fla., February 23.—Inquiry into the Maine disaster progresses along definite lines. The results so far may be summed up in the statement that the probabilities that it was an accident seem to decrease with the progress of the investigation. The most intense anxiety is shown by the Spanish officials here, who are in constant communication with Madrid. They realize that the relations with the United States were never so much in danger of rupture as now. This is the general feeling.

The commercial classes here are hopeful of American intervention on peaceful lines, but what they base their hopes on is unknown. The insurgents continue to win minor military successes. The autonomists are restless and some of the leaders seem on the point of breaking away from the Government. Army officers continue to show an anti-American sentiment. They are apparently the only class that does not look for an early crisis.

PEPPER."

The cruiser Montgomery arrived yesterday at Tampa, Fla., from San Domingo direct, with Chief Crowinshield, of the Board of Navigation, on board, who at once left for Washington. Chief Crowinshield refused to say anything about his trip or his haste.

SUB-MARINE MINE DID THE WORK.

Divers' Discoveries Show the Cause of the Terrible Explosion on the Maine.

IT CAME FROM THE OUTSIDE.

Intense Anxiety Shown by Spanish Officials—Commercial Classes Hopeful of American Intervention On Peaceful Lines.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, VIA KEY WEST, FLA., February 23.—The situation, which may be changed at any moment by fresh discoveries, may be summed up, when this dispatch was sent this afternoon, substantially as follows:

The divers having discovered cases of brown hexagonal powder for the ten-inch guns unexploded, and believing also that others unexploded will be found in the ten-inch magazine on the starboard side forward, the conviction grows that this magazine did not blow up. If this be so, and many have insisted from the first that it is, the further conviction is forced that the explosion which wrecked the Maine came from the outside on the port bow. As previously wired, the main portion of the wreck, as seen from above and noted from below, was blown to starboard.

The highest American officials here are confident that General Blanco and the other high Spanish officials had no knowledge, direct or indirect, of the conception or execution of a plot to blow up the Maine, if such a plot existed; but they believe the junior Spanish officers, who from the nature of things are more conversant with modern explosives than their elders and superiors, were at the bottom of the disaster, if there were any outside agency. It is pointed out that it would not be impossible to plant a mine of wet and dry gun-cotton near where a foreign war vessel was directed to anchor, such a mine communicating with an electric battery on the shore. It is regarded as an interesting point that the Maine, for the first time during her stay in the harbor, lay at the particular spot where she was at the time of the catastrophe, and it is said, though not officially verified, that the Maine was the first foreign warship moored to this particular buoy since troubles in Cuba grew acute.

All stories as to the lax discipline on the Maine are without a shadow of truth. On the contrary, Captain Sigsbee was complained of by some for the rigidity of his rules and the strictness with which he enforced them.

Moreover, the Maine has been in commission for years and never had a serious accident until anchored in this quiet harbor.

High American Official's Opinion.

In reply to a question put by this correspondent to a high American official as to what the outcome would be if it were proved that the disaster was due to an outside agency, the official in question said:

"Sir, the American people could not be restrained. I mean war. Still, I doubt whether it would be necessary to fire a shot. Admiral Sicard could anchor the Iowa, the Indiana, the Massachusetts and the New York outside Havana harbor to prevent the ingress of the food supplies without which the city could not exist a fortnight.

"Cuba is a waste of ashes and desolation. Even the hotels and cafes here in Havana live from hand-to mouth, on supplies brought from the United States.

"If Admiral Sicard demanded the surrender of Havana, giving twenty-four hours for the removal of the women and children, surrender would follow. The forts and old structures could be demolished by a six-pounder. Such new guns as have been mounted are short of ammunition and have never been tried. If General Blanco should decline to surrender, the Spanish merchants here, who represent eighty per cent. of the property and pay 75 per cent. of the taxes of the island, would compel him to accede to Admiral Sicard's terms. As for the volunteers, the men are for the most part the employes of these merchants and the volunteers officers are largely their sons or their junior partners.

"It is well to look these things in the face. At the same time it is well for the Americans to restrain themselves until there is some proof of an outside agency of explosion. We can afford to wait a little longer, seeing that we have waited so long. We could not wait after it had once been proven that the Maine disaster was the result of a dastardly plot. Spanish officers from the old country hold to the unaccountable belief that their arms would overcome us in a few weeks, but the Cuban merchants have no such delusion, and they would control the situation. Hence I believe that no shot from a big American gun will be necessary."

These sentiments fairly represent those of the best informed Americans here. Any moment, however, may chronicle discoveries at the wreck that would change all this.

One thing seems certain, if the Maine was blown up by an outside agency, the agent was a mine and not a torpedo, as no torpedo known could have produced such tremendous results.

The explosion continues the main topic in all circles but especially American. It is useless to deny that many believe in an outside agency. These assert that even a cursory examination of the wreck shows conclusively that the disaster could not have originated from within.

It is pointed out that the Maine's magazine forward was filled with brown hexagonal powder, in proper cases, and would be slow to ignite, while all the high explosives were aft. It is generally conceded that neither the boilers, the electric wires nor spontaneous combustion could, from the very condition of things, be responsible.

The wreck has sunk several feet already in the soft mud, and will probably continue to settle.

An American officer of rank sufficient to entitle him to take command of a ship, is authority for the statement that a Spanish naval officer some time ago sold to the Washington State Department a map of Havana harbor, showing submarine mines. The Spanish residents deny this statement, and say that the mines exist only in imagination. The Cubans, on the other hand, claim that there are nine galleries under the harbor, leading from subterranean passages, known to have existed for years between Fort Cabanas and Morro Castle and this port.

A Paris dispatch says M. Zola was found guilty by the jury and sentenced to one year's imprisonment and to pay a fine of 3,000 francs.

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TALKING OF WAR IN THE SENATE.

Senator Allen of Nebraska Stirred Up Trouble With a Belligerency Resolution.

SPEECHES WERE WARLIKE.

A Variety of Subjects Occupied the Attention of the House—Appropriation for Detection of Violator of Internal Revenue Laws Debated.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, February 23.—While the Senate had under consideration the Diplomatic and Consular Appropriation bill to-day, a sharp debate on the Cuban situation was precipitated by Senator Allen, of Nebraska who offered as an amendment the resolution passed by the Senate a year ago recognizing the belligerent rights of the Cuban insurgents. The debate became general and occupied nearly four hours.

Senator Allen first offered a resolution urging intervention in Cuba.

On objection to immediate consideration, by Senator Platt, of Connecticut, the resolution, under the rules, went over until to-morrow.

The Military Academy Appropriation bill, carrying $454,240 was passed.

On motion of Senator Hale, Maine, the Diplomatic and Consular Appropriation bill was taken up. It appropriates $1,746,408, that amount being an increase over the sum carried by the bill as it passed the House of $17,400.

Senator Allen offered as an amendment the resolution recognizing the belligerency of the Cuban insurgents, which was unfavorably reported a few days ago by the Committee on Foreign Relations. Senator Allen claimed that Congress was dodging this issue and his desire was to find whether it could in any way be induced, cajoled or kicked into putting the country in a dignified attitude on the Cuban question.

Senator Morgan, Alabama, said the Senate had twice passed the Cuban belligerency resolution, substantially as it was now offered, but both times it had been done openly and frankly. "We have no right," said he, "to make a declaration of war against Spain under cover, and that is precisely what this resolution would mean. If this amendment were attached to the appropriation bill, Spain might well regard it as a cause of war. As I have before indicated, the conditions and situation in Cuba were entirely different when this resolution was passed by the Senate. Intervention now of the kind proposed a year ago means war. It could mean nothing else. An intervention on the part of this government in the present critical condition of affairs would almost certainly be regarded by Spain as a *casus belli*.

"In the present circumstances it would not be consistent with the feelings or characteristics of the sentiments of the American people to do anything that would in any way aggravate the situation which has been brought about by the events leading up to the inquiry now in progress at Havana. If, however, any Senator wishes a declaration of war and will draw up such declaration with sufficient and proper grounds upon which to base it, I will vote for it. I will not, however, vote for any declaration of war in disguise. The Spanish are a great and powerful and proud people, and they believe that their course is right. I do not wish to provoke them to a declaration of war. I have always believed and believe now that the war in Cuba could not be terminated without involving the United States in hostilities. I believe that the matter will eventually be submitted to the arbitrament of the sword. The whole world recognizes Spain's inability to conquer the Cubans, and sooner or later we shall become, in my opinion, involved in the armed controversy. If we mean to declare war, let us do so like men and not endeavor to conceal ourselves behind so transparent a cloak."

Senator Teller did not accept Senator Morgan's position that the adoption of this amendment would be a declaration of war. He had, he said, reached the conclusion that the recognition of belligerency rested with the Executive.

Senator Foraker announced his intention to vote against the amendment, as it was sought to make it a rider to an appropriation bill. He said he had voted for the belligerency resolution, couched in precisely the same terms as this, which was adopted a year ago, and he had always been glad that he had done so. In conclusion, Senator Foraker said: "I expect at no very distant day that there will be an appropriate session for further remarks upon this question. I think the time is coming for action."

Senator Thurston, of Nebraska, said that he had voted to accord belligerent rights to the Cuban insurgents both times it had come to the Senate. "I have never ceased to regret," said he, "that the United States did not afford to the Cubans belligerent rights at the time when the cruelties and barbarities of Weyler would have won for us the sympathy of the civilized world. Had we recognized the belligerency of these struggling people then I believe that ere this they would have been in possession of the island and we would be in no danger of war. I believe now that we are drifting into a war with Spain. When the President delivered to us his message he set time to running, and that time has ever since been running. The time is coming—God knows how soon it will be here—when action in accordance with the President's message must be taken—when we shall either have to back down from our position or intervene in the Cuban affair with the probability of war. There is enough being said all over this country concerning the inquiry now proceeding in Havana, into the Maine catastrophe, to involve us in war. Our people in the present delicate situation might well be at their altars praying for calmness and peace. I hope that the inquiry now proceeding in Havana will develop nothing that may involve us in hostilities, but while that inquiry is proceeding, we in the Senate should maintain a most circumspect attitude and be calm and quiet."

Senator Hale made the point of order against the amendment that it was general legislation and had under the rules no place in the bill. The Vice President sustained the point and Senator Allen took an appeal from the ruling.

Senator Hale moved to lay the appeal on the table, and Senator Allen demanded the yeas and nays. Senator Hale's motion was carried—51 to 5.

No other amendments being offered the bill was passed.

Then Senate then at 5.15 P. M., went into executive session, and 10 minutes afterward adjourned.

House of Representatives.

A variety of subjects occupied the attention of the House during the consideration of the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill to-day. Mr. Mahony, of New York, made an attack on the patriotism of some of the social leaders of New York whom, he said, held high revel while the nation was bowed with grief over the loss of life resulting from the Maine explosion. Mr. Mahony referred to the "vegetable party" given by Abram S. Hewitt, of New York, on the evening of February 17th. He also made a vicious assault on a New York paper for its opposition to the pneumatic tube system for transmission of the mails in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Brooklyn. The item appropriating $25,000 for power for this system occasioned a good deal of debate, but it stood in the bill.

The appropriation of $75,000 for the detection of violations of the internal revenue laws caused some debate. Mr. Kitchin, Democrat, and Mr. Linney, Republican, of North Carolina, were bitter in their denunciation of the injustice of the system of paying for information. The former moved to strike out the item. It placed a premium, they contended, upon false prosecutions. Last year Mr. Linney said information was lodged against 3,300 persons, but there were only 789 arrests. These wholesale charges against the people of his State, especially those in the Western portion, he said, had prejudiced the officials here and he appealed to the House to remove the injustice done his people.

Mr. Graff, Republican, Illinois, warmly defended the appropriation. Over $40,000,000 in taxes were paid in his district, he said, by legitimate distillers. But immense frauds were practiced on the revenue. It was estimated that 35 per cent. of the whiskey consumed in this country was illicitly distilled.

After some further debate the vote was taken and the motion to strike out the appropriation was adopted.

Mr. Cannon gave notice that he would ask for an aye and nay vote when the bill was reported to the House.

The appropriation for continuing the investigation of the seal question went out on a point of order. Forty-six pages of the bill were disposed of to-day.

WARM WIRELETS.

The Fry block, at Waynesboro, Augusta county, Va., including the opera house, Masonic lodge and several stores, was destroyed by fire yesterday. Loss not stated; little insurance.

The outlook in the New York dry goods market is bright. Operators in both the first hands and jobbing lots are kept busy looking after visiting buyers, who are now there in large numbers. Mail orders in all lines are reported excellent.

There are now at the Mare Island navy yard, California, the Charleston, Yorktown, Philadelphia, Pensacola, Hartford and Adams. A number of mechanics will assist in rushing to completion repairs to the various ships at the yard.

Representative Barrett, of Massasetts, has introduced a resolution allowing the Naval Affairs Committee to incorporate in the Naval Appropriation bill a provision for an appropriation not to exceed $5,735,000 for new dry dokks, or extensions to existing ones at Boston, New York, Norfolk, Port Royal, New Orleans and Mare Island, California.

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OUR COAST DEFENCES.

Major General Merritt to Make a Tour of Inspection.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

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